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## LI CHAI-SUM GOES NORTH

ARRIVES AT KOWLOON THIS MORNING.

DEPARTS FOR NANKING WITH OTHER OFFICIALS.

ONLY BRIEF VISIT?

In response to instructions from the Nationalist Government, Marshal Li Chai-sum is at present on his way to Nanking to assume the office of Chief of Staff of the Nationalist Army. He arrived in Hongkong by special train in the early hours of this morning and left later for the North by the P. and O. liner Mantua.

Currency was given by the Telegraph yesterday to rumours that Marshal Li was leaving Canton immediately, but later reports stated that the trip had been postponed. However, he came down during last night, having been preceded by General Chan Ming-shih (Commander of the 11th Army and Chairman of the Kwangtung Provincial Government), Mr. Chu Cha-yah (Vice-Chancellor of the Sun Yat-sen University), Mr. Lai Man-yau (Marshal Li's Private Secretary) and a number of subordinate officials: all of whom joined the head of the Southern Government aboard the Mantua.

Only a Brief Visit.

Officials of the party stated that Marshal Li's visit to Nanking would probably not last for more than a fortnight, after which he would return to Canton.

The fact that Marshal Li was coming down by special train was unknown except to Hongkong police and other officials and a number of Pressmen.

He left Canton at 9 o'clock last night and arrived at Kowloon Railway Station at 1.25 this morning. On the platform were a number of Hongkong police officials and Chinese detectives, together with Pressmen, including the representatives of the Hongkong Telegraph, the S. C. M. Post, the Wah Kiu Yat Po and the Nam Ching Po.

Armed Guard on Train.

The greatest precautions were taken by the police to protect the Marshal, no one being allowed to enter the Kowloon Station platform when the special train steamed in, excepting policemen, officials and a number of coolies engaged to convey Marshal Li's baggage to the steamer. On his trip down from Canton, Marshal Li was accompanied by 100 armed soldiers as far as Shum-chun, where he arrived twenty minutes after midnight.

The train arrived at Kowloon at 1.25, but Marshal Li did not leave his compartment immediately, remaining on the train for more than an hour and a half, awaiting the arrival of other Canton officials.

To See Chief Off.

It was not until 3.5 a.m. that General Hsu King-tong, Chief of the 13th Division of the 4th Army; Gen. Feng Cho-man, Canton Finance Commissioner; and General Tang Shi-chang, the new Canton Police Chief and Commander of the Canton Garrison Troops, arrived by motor boat at the Star Ferry Wharf. They then boarded the train and met their Chief, Marshal Li. It appears that these three prominent Canton officials came down from Canton on the previous day, especially to see Marshal Li off to Nanking.

At 3.10 the Marshal, accompanied by a number of Canton officials, left the train and as he passed the party of Pressmen at the Station entrance he smilingly lifted his hat and passed on.

Marshal Li, who was wearing a dark brown overcoat with a grey felt hat, then proceeded with some of his officials straight to the Kowloon wharf, where he boarded the s.s. Mantua, which left for Shanghai at 6 o'clock this morning.

Who Have Left.

Those going aboard with Marshal Li to make the trip North were Mr. Chu Cha-yah, Mr. Lai (Continued on Page 14).

## STARTLING NAVY INCIDENT.

"ROYAL OAK" OFFICERS SAID TO REFUSE TO SAIL.

CAPTAIN CHANGED.

London, Mar. 16.

Interest was excited on the conclusion of the debate on the Navy Estimates in the House of Commons last night, when Commander Bellairs (Conservative) invited an official statement regarding a telegram which he believed would be published in to-day's newspapers to the effect that the Captain and some of the officers of the battleship Royal Oak had refused to sail under the Admiral, and had been court-martialled and carried as passengers to Gibraltar.

Commander Bellairs requested the Government to state the actual facts at the earliest opportunity. Lieut.-Col. C. M. Hendlam, Under Secretary for the Admiralty, replied that he had not received sufficient information to enable him to answer the question or make a statement at present.

The morning newspapers to-day print an unofficial telegram from Malta stating that the 1st Battle Squadron of the Mediterranean Fleet, which was due to sail to Gibraltar on the 11th instant, was delayed until the following day, when the Royal Oak's flag was seen to be hoisted down, which ceremony is usually performed when the Captain relinquishes command.

The telegram adds that the Battle Squadron sailed with Captain Osborne, of the gunboat Egmont, in command of the Royal Oak.—*Reuter.*

## TELEPHONE TO KOWLOON.

RESTRICTED SERVICE FOR SOME MONTHS.

APPEAL TO PUBLIC.

Commencing to-morrow, telephone communication between Hongkong and Kowloon will be somewhat restricted during the busy hours of the day, due to the fact that Government dredging operations are causing a rearrangement of the service.

The dredging operations have necessitated the removal of the Telephone Company's cables, with the result that only a restricted service can be supplied by means of a temporary cable.

Excepting during the busy hours of the day—the start of the business day, just before 11 a.m., and just before 5 p.m.—there will be no difficulty in coping with the calls, but if calls are not cut down to absolute necessities during the rush hours, heavy demands will be made on available junctions, with inevitable delays.

The Company therefore requests subscribers to limit their calls during the busy hours to absolute necessities.

It is expected that the restricted service will be in operation for three or four months.

## NO NATIONALITY OR OCCUPATION.

PRINCESS'S HUSBAND NOW EXPELLED.

Berlin, Mar. 15.

The ex-Kaiser's brother-in-law, the Russian, Zuckoff, an ex-bottler washer, aged 23, who married the Princess Victoria of Schaumburg-Lippe, aged 63, in November last year, has been expelled from the country as a man without nationality or occupation.

Zuckoff, who lost his nationality by his marriage, is not included in the expulsion and remains at Bonn.

Zuckoff was recently fined for failing to renew his permit. It seems that he has left Germany already and may possibly have gone to the Congo, where he is said to have relatives.—*Reuter.*

## SHANGHAI POLICE TRAGEDY.

SENSATIONAL RAID ON KIDNAPPERS.

INSPECTOR CROWLEY KILLED BY ACCIDENT.

THREE ROGUES KILLED

(Our Own Correspondent.)

Shanghai, Mar. 16.

Three kidnapers were shot dead when Municipal Police raided a house in Chinese territory and rescued a wealthy Chinese merchant this morning, but it is regrettable that Inspector Crowley, a British Police Officer, also met his death, in extraordinary circumstances.

Inspector Crowley succumbed to a bullet wound in the head, accidentally discharged from his pistol when he lost hold and it dropped to the ground. The pistol went off, and the bullet penetrated the left eye, emerging from the skull. The pistol was an inferior Chinese Mauser and there is a story attached to his possession of the weapon.

Menching Troops.

The Settlement Police engaged for the raid had barely passed the Settlement limits when their progress was interrupted by a menacing group of soldiers. They were taken to Chinese military headquarters, but subsequently permitted to fulfil their mission.

Given Inferior Weapon.

Inspector Crowley, who had been bound when the military captured him, was also deprived of his own automatic and when released was given an inferior Mauser pistol in its place.

The police proceeded to the house in Chapei which it was intended to raid and they carried out a sensational rescue, the kidnapers putting up a vigorous resistance.

Detective Hutton shot and killed three of the desperadoes but unfortunately the accidental discharge of the pistol occurred and Inspector Crowley succumbed.

## PUBLIC OPINION AND SOCIAL EVIL.

LEAGUE COMMITTEE MAKES RECOMMENDATIONS.

Geneva, Mar. 15.

The League of Nations Committee which is concerned with the traffic in women and children, has adopted a resolution, proposed by Great Britain, expressing the hope that countries retaining the licensed house system would investigate the question in the light of the experts' report.

The Committee recognises that where the system has been in vogue for many years, the question of its abandonment must be supported by public opinion, and it therefore suggests that steps be taken to act upon public opinion in the fight against the traffic in women.—*Reuter.*

## ACRIMONY IN DONETZ ARRESTS.

GERMANY BREAKS OFF TRADE NEGOTIATIONS.

Berlin, Mar. 15.

Germany has replied to the arrests of the German engineers at Donetz in the coal-basin recently, by suspending the commercial negotiations which have been proceeding for the past three weeks.

A communique has been issued by the Government stating that it has demanded from the Soviet an explanation regarding the arrests, including the definite accusations and proofs. The Government has also requested that permission be accorded to the German Consul at Charkow to visit the prisoners.—*Reuter.*

## INDIAN POLICY OF OBSTRUCTION.

THWARTING EVERY BRITISH GOOD INTENT.

OPPOSITION CANT.

New Delhi, Mar. 15.

Britain's Army policy was again vigorously attacked in the Legislative Assembly to-day, and the Assembly agreed by 66 votes to 51 to a motion reducing, by 570,000 rupees, the expenditure of the Army Department.

Various Indian speakers attacked Field-Marshal Birdwood's attitude, which was described as an "outrage to India" while one speaker declared that "Britain has outstayed her welcome, and her regime would be wiped out within a decade."

The Army Secretary, defending General Birdwood, declared that the Army was not maintained for Imperial purposes outside India. No great reductions in the cost were possible. British troops were often a remarkable insurance against riots.

He accused the Opposition of thwarting every effort of the Government to help them to obtain self-government and instanced the rejection of the Reserve Bank Bill, the Navy Bill and other measures. The Assembly also rejected a grant for the Executive Council, the voting being 58 for rejection and 53 against.

Mr. Chaman Lal said the Council had betrayed their trust and none of the Indian members had resigned as a protest against the Simon Commission. All the other Budget demands were carried.—*Reuter.*

## TOUR OF MALAYA AND CEYLON.

ORMSBY-GORE INTERESTED IN RUBBER.

London, Mar. 15.

Members of his family and representatives of the Colonial Office were present to bid farewell to Capt. W. G. A. Omsby-Gore on his departure for a tour of Malaya and Ceylon.

Interviewed by *Reuter*, Capt. Omsby-Gore said he would spend some time in the rubber plantations, but expressed the opinion that the Government decision on rubber restriction will have been made before his return.

His great interest would be to see the effect the Government decision would have in the rubber-producing areas.—*Reuter.*

## BRITAIN RECEIVES WAR DEBTS.

ITALY AND FRANCE MAKE PAYMENTS.

London, Mar. 15.

The Italian Government to-day duly paid to the British Government the sum of £2,000,000 being the fifth instalment payable under the war debt funding agreement.

The French Government have also paid the sum of £3,000,000 as the fourth payment on account of the French war debt.—*British Wireless.*

## CAPTURED PRIEST ESCAPES.

FATHER RAULHEM NOW AT KIUKIANG.

Kiukiang, Mar. 15.

Father Raulhem, the Catholic priest who was captured by bandits on March 13th near Hukow, has succeeded in making his escape.

Father Raulhem has now arrived here.—*Ngai Wireless.*

## BRITISH BUDGET DAY.

London, Mar. 15.

In the House of Commons, Mr. Stanley Baldwin announced that the Budget would be introduced on April 24th.—*Reuter.*

San Francisco, Mar. 15.

The French airmen, Costes and Lebrun, have sailed for Tokyo to resume their flight around the world.—*Reuter's American Service.*

## STOCK EXCHANGE EXCITED.

HEAVY SPECULATION IN CABLES.

CABLE COMPANY'S STATUS IN FUSION WITH MARCONI'S.

IMPORTANT SCHEME.

London, Mar. 15.

Excited dealing in wireless and cable shares occurred on the Stock Exchange to-day following the announcement of a possible fusion.

The market was almost impenetrable owing to the huge strength of brokers. The Eastern Extension shares increased in market value by £20,000 in the space of a few minutes, jumping by 12½ to 152½. Five millions of their £7,000,000 capital consists of ordinary stock and there was considerable speculation and large transactions.

Marconi's Steady.

Marconi's shares, which are nominally ten shillings, remained comparatively steady round about 70, the figure at which the stock closed yesterday, and which is indicative of the confidence that the terms of the fusion will prove acceptable to Marconi shareholders.

The proposals for the fusion of the interests of the Eastern Telegraphs and Marconi's contemplate the formation of a holding company with a capital of £53,700,000 in three classes, Pound, Preference and Ordinary shares, of which the companies will hold varying proportions, but an aggregate of £38,550,000 will be allocated to the Eastern Extension and £15,150,000 to Marconi's.

Cables Advantage.

Cables will have a 56.25 voting strength against Marconi's 43.75 per cent.

The new company will acquire (a) from Marconi's the whole of its capital which will be satisfied from the foregoing consideration and (b) the whole of the Cable Company's ordinary shares, leaving the Preferences and Debentures undisturbed.

The Board of Directors of the new company will consist of twelve gentlemen nominated by the Eastern Extension and associated companies, and eight nominated by Marconi's.—*Reuter.*

## MR. BALDWIN NOT AT HOME.

DECLINES TO SEE RUBBER DEPUTATION.

London, Mar. 15.

Asked in the House of Commons to-day if he would receive a deputation of members representing rubber investors whose property has depreciated in consequence of the announcement of the Government enquiry into the operation of the Stevenson Scheme, Mr. Stanley Baldwin replied in the negative.

He pointed out to the enquirer that the whole question was now under review.—*Reuter.*

London, Mar. 15.

It is understood that special steps are being taken by the Government to expedite the report of the committee which is inquiring into the question of rubber restriction.—*British Wireless.*

## COST OF TROOPS IN CHINA.

THE ARMOURD CAR HUSSARS.

London, Mar. 15.

Sir Laming Worthington Evans, the Secretary for War, stated in Parliament that the cavalry regiments which are to be converted into armoured car regiments are the Eleventh Hussars at Aldershot, and the Twelfth Royal Lancers in Egypt.—*British Wireless.*

Questioned with regard to the cost of the additional troops sent to China, the War Secretary estimated the cost to be £1,025,500 for 1926 and £3,090,000 for 1927.—*Reuter.*

## A BIG PROPERTY DEAL.

LAND INVESTMENT CO. BUYS POWELL'S BUILDING.

FOR OVER FIVE LAKHS.

London, Mar. 15.

The Land Investment Company has bought the premises from Messrs. Wm. Powell, Ltd., the purchase price, we understand, being \$566,000. At present, no plans have been made regarding the future of the building, but it is learned that Messrs. Wm. Powell will remain in occupation for some time at least. The transfer of the building to the Land Investment Company will be finally completed in about a fortnight's time.

Powell's Building is quite a big block, accommodating several offices in addition to Messrs. Wm. Powell's business. Many years ago, it was owned by Messrs. A. S. Watson and Co., Ltd., and used as a soda-water factory. It later came into the possession of the Land Investment Co., who sold it in 1922 to the Hongkong Hotel Co., Ltd., from whom it was subsequently purchased by Messrs. Wm. Powell, Ltd.

This is the second large purchase of property made by the Land Investment Co. recently, the other being Prince's Building which was secured some little time back.

## FLIGHT DISASTER FEARED.

HINCHLIFFE RUMOURS IN U. S. UNFOUNDED.

DERELICT SOMEWHERE

London, Mar. 15.

There is still no news of Captain Hinchcliffe and the Hon. Miss Elsie Mackay, the daughter of Viscount Incheape, who left Cranwell aerodrome early on Tuesday to fly to America.

Various reports of their aeroplane having been seen or having landed in America have proved unfounded.

The only chances of their safety now entertained are that they may have been forced down in the sea and have been picked up by a vessel without wireless, or that they have landed in a remote spot on the American continent.—*British Wireless.*

Atlantic City, Mar. 15.

A large aeroplane is reported to have been heard in the vicinity, flying toward Philadelphia at 11.20 last evening.

A number of other places on the New-England coast have similarly reported hearing an aeroplane. The air port officials in New York, however, are very sceptical. None of the reports has hitherto been authenticated.

St. John's Newf'd., Mar. 15.

It is now six in the morning, and daylight, and still there is no sign of Captain Hinchcliffe.—*Reuter's American Service.*

## SINGAPORE NAVAL BASE.

LABOUR REDUCTION VOTE REJECTED.

London, Mar. 16.

The House of Commons rejected a Labourite motion in favour of a reduction of the vote for the Singapore Base.

The resolution was moved by Commander Kenworthy who desired that there should be a slowing-down of expenditure at Singapore, thereby pending the outcome of the American proposals on the Five-Power Treaty outlawing war; secondly, because sufficient accommodation would be available at Singapore, Hongkong, and Sydney; and, finally, because the site at Singapore was unhealthy and exposed to attack from the land.—*Reuter.*

## ELOQUENT NAVAL FIGURES.

BRITISH POLICY GIVEN JUSTIFICATION.

COMPARISONS WITH FACTS OF U. S. BUILDING.

LESS THAN PRE-WAR.

London, Mar. 15.

Striking figures regarding British naval reductions were given by Mr. W. C. Bridgeman, in the House of Commons, in submitting the Navy Estimates. We had 644 ships in July, 1914, 1,887 at the Armistice, and only 405 at the present day.

The respective tonnages were 2,275,000, 3,135,000 and 1,329,000. Britain, he declared had scrapped nearly 2,000,000 tons as against 600,000 tons by the United States.—*Reuter.*

The First Lord of the Admiralty dealing with the figure of £57,800,000 asked for, emphasised that this sum showed a reduction of £1,150,000 on what was spent last year, while he pointed out that there was, in addition, £1,280,000 less in appropriations.

It had, therefore, been necessary to economise to the extent of over £200,000,000.

More Spent Before War.

Mr. Bridgeman called attention to the increased expenditure of £198,000 on the Fleet Air Arm and said that far from starving the air side, the Admiralty were making extra provision, although they were cutting down in other directions.

There was a vote of £48,000,000 for effective services. This corresponded almost exactly with the sum for effective services in the year 1914, but when they came to calculate what they would have had to pay if pre-war prices prevailed, they had a reduction of £18,000,000. Therefore, he pointed out, on that calculation there was saving on effective services of 37.35 per cent. compared with the pre-war year.

Mr. Bridgeman described as an event of great value and interest the most generous contribution by New Zealand of £1,000,000 towards making the dock at Singapore. New Zealand had also offered to maintain another cruiser more than before.

Fine Work in China.

He also referred with satisfaction to the fine work achieved by the Navy in China during the very disturbed times through which that country had been passing.

Dealing with the question of Britain's naval policy, Mr. Bridgeman said it was one of replacement. This year the Government were dropping one cruiser out of three and were inserting a further four aloops. In the two years 1927 and 1928 instead of having six cruisers they would only lay down three.

So far they had no idea of altering next year's programme. That would come up for consideration by the Minister who then presented the Estimates. It would be a very risky thing to go further than the Government had done in postponing replacement because in a few years we should have a more rapid obsolescence in cruisers and there would be more necessity for spending money on replacements.

Replacements.

These replacements would be necessary, moreover, at the same time as the possibility of replacing battleships.

The Government's reason for dropping three cruisers was not that they were not satisfied that this country had done its full share in disarmament.

Striking Figures.

Before the Washington Conference was held, however, Great Britain had voluntarily scrapped tonnage amounting to 1,800,000 tons and, since then, had scrapped about the same as America had. Since the Armistice, Great Britain had scrapped 1,588 ships with a total tonnage of 2,139,515. (Continued on Page 14.)





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## LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

### THE VISIT OF THE GOVERNOR TO CANTON.

#### UNOFFICIAL THANKS.

The Hon. Sir Henry Pollock, at yesterday's meeting of the Legislative Council, expressed the gratitude of the Colony to His Excellency the Governor for what he had done to bring about the restoration and continued maintenance of friendly trading relations between Hongkong and Canton during the recent official visits and assured him of the wholehearted and unanimous support of every section of the community of Hongkong.

His Excellency the Governor, replying, said he appreciated very much what the Senior Unofficial Member had said and acknowledged the help of Mr. Brennan, H. M. Consul General, Mr. W. E. L. Shenton, Sir Shou-sun Chow, Dr. Kotewall and Mr. Li Yau-tsun. He expressed the hope that the recent visits would mark the beginning of an era of peace, happiness and prosperity in South China.

His Excellency the Governor presided over the meeting and there were also present: His Excellency the General Officer Commanding the Troops (Major General C. C. Luard, C.B., C.M.G.), The Colonial Secretary (Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax, C.M.G., C.B.E.), The Attorney General (Hon. Sir Joseph Horsford Kemp, K.C., C.B.E.).

The Director of Public Works (Hon. Mr. H. T. Greary), The Colonial Treasurer (Hon. Mr. C. McI. Messer, O.B.E.), The Captain Supt. of Police (Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, C.M.G.), Hon. Sir Shou-sun Chow, Hon. Mr. D. G. M. Bernard, Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall, C.M.G., Hon. Mr. A. C. Hynes, Hon. Mr. J. Owen Hughes, Mr. E. W. Hamilton, acting Clerk of Councils.

#### NEW MEMBER.

Mr. S. B. B. McDermid took the oath and his seat as a member of the Council in the place of Mr. R. A. C. North.

#### CANTON-HONGKONG.

Sir Henry Pollock Expresses Colony's Gratitude.

#### GOVERNOR'S REPLY.

Sir Henry Pollock said: Sir—As this is the first meeting of this Council which has taken place since your visit to Canton, I desire, as the Senior Unofficial Member, to express the deep gratitude of this Colony to your Excellency for your labours on our behalf.

We are indeed fortunate to have as the head of the Executive, at this present time, one who combines a profound insight into Chinese character with a genuine sympathy with the aspirations of the Chinese people.

You have rightly interpreted the sincere desire of all sections in this Colony for the restoration and continued maintenance of friendly trading relations with the province of Kwangtung, and in all the steps which you have taken and are taking for the purpose of strengthening and extending those ties I can assure your Excellency of the wholehearted and unanimous support of every section of the community of Hongkong. (Applause.)

#### His Excellency's Reply.

His Excellency the Governor: Gentlemen—I appreciate very much what the Senior Unofficial Member has said and I cordially endorse his hope that the friendly ties between this Colony and the Liang Kwang provinces may be strengthened with every passing day, and that trade between Hongkong and Canton may flourish exceedingly.

The thanks of the Colony for the happy results so far achieved are due first to Mr. Brennan, who has striven wholeheartedly ever since his appointment as Consul General at Canton for the improvement of Anglo-Chinese relations; next to Mr. Shenton, lately a member of this Council, for establishing personal contact of a very friendly kind with Marshal Li Chai-sum; but above all to Sir Shou-sun Chow, Dr. Kotewall and Mr. Li Yau-tsun for paving the way by their informal visit to Marshal Li for the recent mutual and cordial exchange of official visits.

It was also a fortunate and very opportune circumstance that, shortly after the informal visit which these three gentlemen paid to Canton, H.B.M.'s Minister, Sir Miles Lampson, called officially on Marshal Li and communicated to him in person the warm invitation of this Government to visit Hongkong. Personal and friendly intercourse so established cannot fail to be of great value to the Government as well as to the people both of Hongkong and of Canton. It will remove misunderstandings. It will promote co-operation. It will strengthen the forces of law and order; and it will, I hope mark the beginning of an era of peace, happiness and prosperity in South China. (Applause.)

Sir Shou-sun Chow: Sir, My Chinese colleague and I are grateful to your Excellency for the very kind references you have made to the humble part which we took in connexion with the recent exchange of official visits between Your Excellency and Marshal Li. We feel, Sir, we have done no more than our duty. (Applause.)

#### THE AERODROME.

Estimated Cost of Forming the Site.

#### WATER SUPPLY.

Hon. Sir Henry Pollock, in accordance with notice given, asked the following questions:

1. What information can the Government lay before this Council as to the steps which are being taken in connexion with the construction of the new reservoir in the Aberdeen Valley?

2. What steps is the Government taking by leaflets or notices to instruct householders and others as to the imperative necessity of conserving the water supply of this Colony? Why cannot printed notices, in English and Chinese, be sent out to householders periodically? Is it not possible that some economy in consumption might be effected by reducing the amount of the free allowance of water to householders?

3. In connexion with the answer given to the Honourable Mr. Bernard at the last Meeting of this Council to the effect that the Imperial Government was contributing £100,000 towards the Kai Tak Aerodrome, what is the estimated sum of money which the Hongkong Government will have to contribute towards the cost of such aerodrome?

#### The Replies.

The Colonial Secretary replied as follows: 1. A Sessional Paper No. 10 of 1927 on this subject has been issued and was laid on the table on the 22nd December last.

The Secretary of State has been asked by despatch dated 30th January, 1928, to give early sanction for this scheme, which, it is proposed, to charge to Loan Account. The approval of the Secretary of State is now being awaited.

2. The Government has hitherto taken no such steps except on occasions of great urgency. Notices in English and Chinese could be printed and distributed to householders periodically, but it is not considered that the result of such action would justify the cost of printing and distribution.

Arrangements will however be made for the publication from time

to time in the newspapers of the Colony of notices drawing attention to the importance of avoiding waste of water.

Some economy in consumption would result from the reduction or abolition of the free allowance of water, though it is doubtful whether the saving would be sufficient to justify the extra burden on the community. The question will be further considered.

3. The estimated cost of forming the Aerodrome site adjoining Kowloon Bay is as follows:

(a) Resumption of area from the Kai Tak Development Co. ....	\$1,001,250.00
(b) Resumption of Lands and Properties .....	185,000.00
(c) Completion of Reclamation including surfacing, etc. ....	738,000.00
(d) Covering Nal-lahs Road Construction and forming Camber .....	605,000.00
	\$2,529,250.00

The above total estimated cost, \$2,529,250.00, represents the cost of acquiring, forming and completing the Aerodrome site and does not include the cost of Buildings, Offices, Air-craft sheds, workshops and contingent works.

Hon. Sir Henry Pollock: Arising out of the answer to the last question, can the Hon. Director of Public Works inform us what is the estimated cost of the buildings, offices, aircraft sheds, workshops and contingent work?

His Excellency the Governor: I am afraid it will hardly be possible for the Hon. Director of Public Works to reply as the scheme for rebuilding has not yet been made. It is under consideration and we shall have to obtain the advice of the Air Ministry.

#### WATCHMEN'S ORDINANCE.

Passes Second Reading and Committee Stage.

#### SEVERAL AMENDMENTS.

The Attorney General, in moving the second reading of An Ordinance to provide for the registration and regulation of watchmen, said: This Bill was read a first time on the 27th October last year. Certain interested parties put forward certain views on the Bill and the Unofficial members of this Council granted an interview to the representative of these interested parties. They also granted an interview to the Captain Superintendent of Police and they discussed and considered the proposals contained in the Bill. The Bill was also reconsidered by the Government and as a result of these interviews and discussions certain proposed alterations were agreed upon between the Government and the Unofficial members and they have been embodied in the print which hon. members now have in their hands. It is proposed to make these alterations by amendments at the Committee stage.

The print which is now before members has been altered on two substantial points. In the first place the new print provides for two classes of watchmen—police watchmen and private watchmen. Private watchmen will not be subject to police discipline and their pay will not be regulated under the Ordinance. All watchmen when the bill becomes law will have to register as such, but it will be for each individual watchman to choose whether he will register as a private watchman or as a public watchman.

The second main point in which the print differs from the original form of the Bill is in connexion with the clause dealing with moneylenders. Clause 13 originally read: "No watchman shall act as a moneylender, etc." It was felt that might be a hardship in that form and it is now proposed that that clause shall not apply to any private watchman who was on the 1st January, 1928, this year registered as a money-

## OBITUARY.

### EDITOR OF SINGAPORE NEWSPAPER.

Singapore, Mar. 15.  
The death has occurred here of Mr. A. C. Wentworth Lewis. —*Reuter.*

Mr. Arthur Cyril Wentworth Lewis has been editor of the *Straits Times* at Singapore since 1927, being appointed the eventual successor to Mr. A. W. Still, and coming from India to assume the post. He was born in Nottingham in 1885, and was thus a comparatively young man. Educated at Felsted, and Exeter College, Oxford, where he took the B. A. degree with History honours in 1908, he entered journalism the following year on the *Nottingham Daily Express*, becoming Literary Editor of the *Sheffield Telegraph* in 1910, which position he held for three years. Joining the *Times* in 1914, he was on their staff until 1923, acting as special correspondent in Denmark and Morocco, and chief correspondent in Paris (1921-22). He went out to India in 1923, being Editor of the *Englishman*, Calcutta, until 1927, when he went to the *Straits Times*. In the intervals of literary work for his paper, he saw War service from 1914 to 1919, in France, Egypt, Palestine, and Salonika, and attained the rank of Lieutenant Colonel in the A. D. A. P. and S. S. He had only been a year in Singapore, but his personality had already manifested itself in his paper, and his untimely death will no doubt have come as a shock to his journalistic colleagues of Malaya.

Well-Known Singaporean Killed.  
The death is announced of Mr. Francis William Eber, head of a well-known Singapore family and father of Mr. R. L. Eber, the lawyer.

Mr. Eber was injured in a motor accident in Serangoon Road, and died soon afterwards. The fatality occurred at the junction of St. Michael's Road and Serangoon Road. Mr. Eber, who resided with his family in St. Michael's, was walking near the junction at about 5.30 a.m. when he was knocked down by a Chevrolet motor truck. The driver, a Chinese, did not stop, but a Tamil, who saw the accident, gave chase and succeeded in stopping the lorry. Mr. Eber was then lifted into the truck and driven to the Rumah Miskin Police Station and from there he was removed with all haste to the Tan Tock Seng Hospital, where he received prompt medical attention. In spite of the efforts to save his life his condition became worse and he expired at about 7 a.m.

The lorry was examined and it was found that the brake linings were badly worn and that the headlights were not working. The police are taking proceedings against the driver.

Mr. Eber, who was 63 years of age was a Government pensioner.

Under and who then after a certain time satisfies the Captain Superintendent of Police that he was actually and bona-fide employed as a watchman at the commencement of the Ordinance. I beg, Sir, to move the first reading.

The Colonial Secretary seconded and the Bill passed the second reading.

During the Committee stage several amendments were made on the lines suggested by the Attorney General.

When the Council resumed, His Excellency announced it was not proposed to proceed further with the Bill that day.

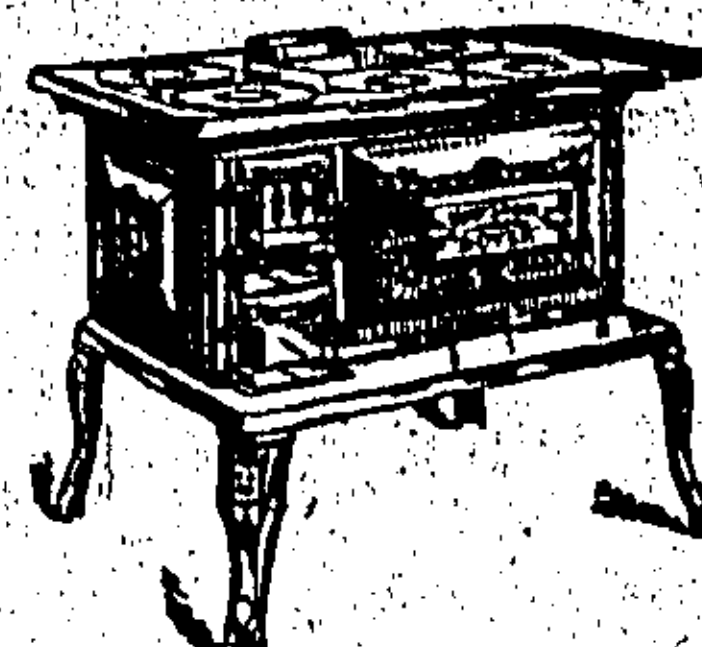
#### Naturalization Ordinance.

The Attorney General moved the second reading of an Ordinance to amend the Naturalization Ordinance, 1902, and to provide for the revocation of naturalization rights in certain cases.

The Colonial Secretary seconded and the second reading was agreed to. Subsequently the Bill passed all remaining stages and became law.

The Council adjourned until Thursday, March 29.

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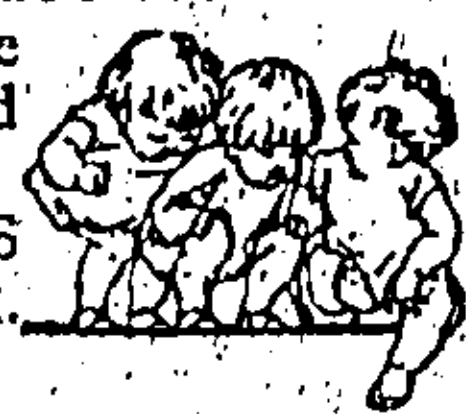
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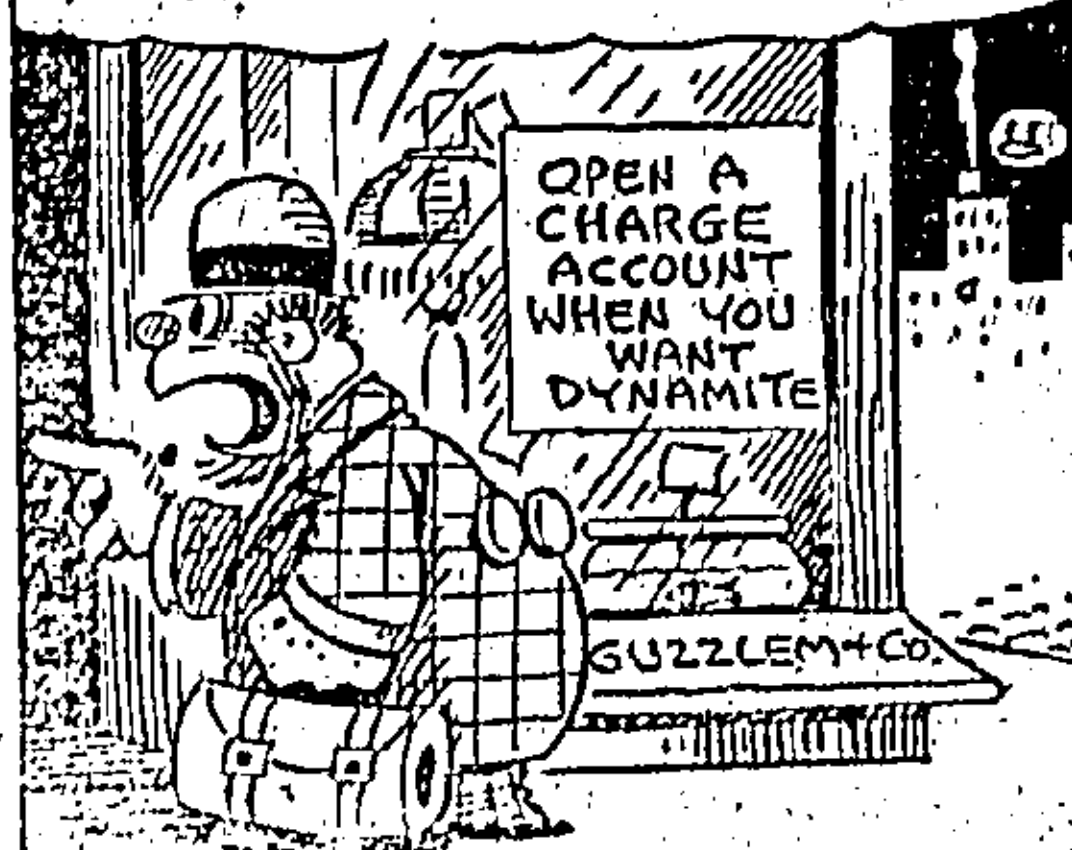
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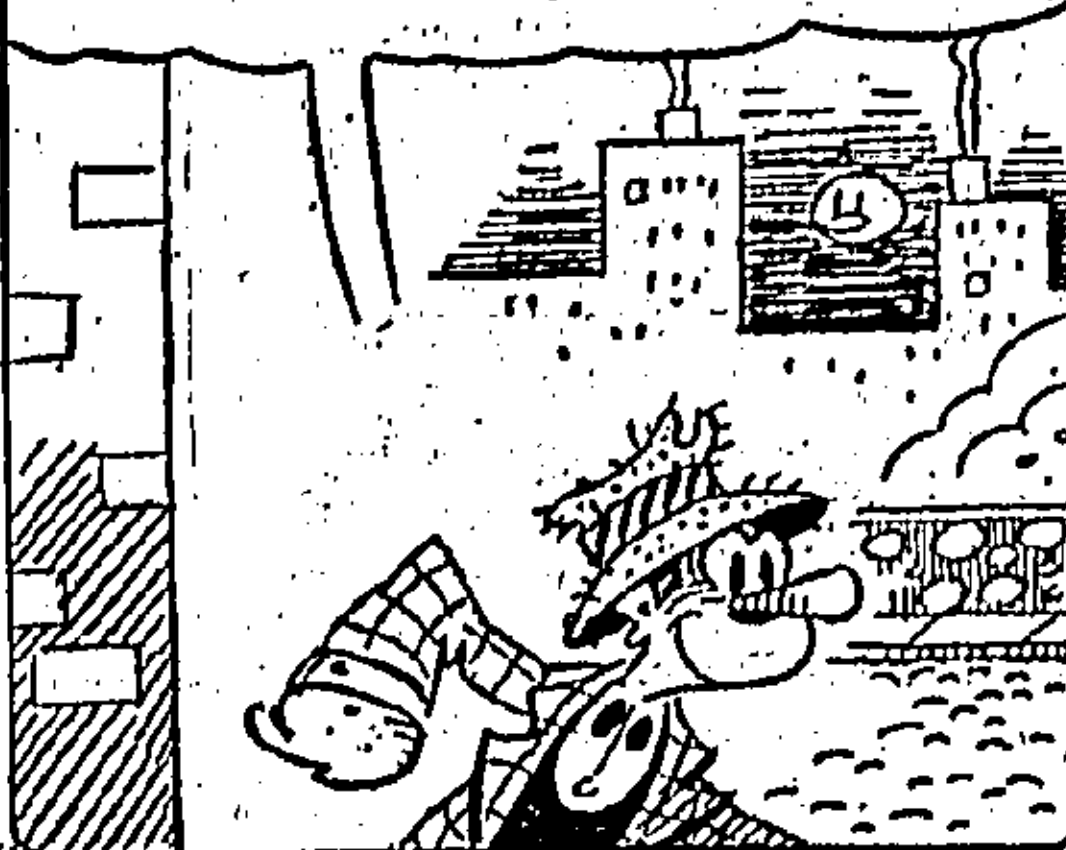
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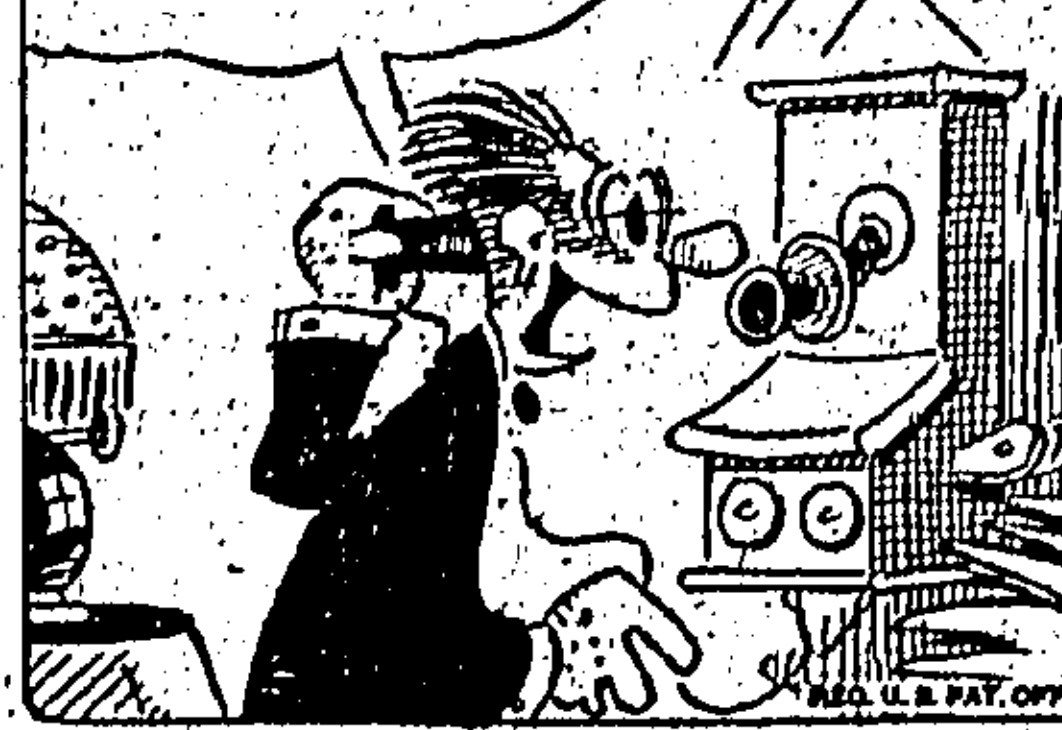
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COUPLE FREE TICKETS IN ONE O' TH'  
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YOU AN' KITTY CAN USE 'EM!



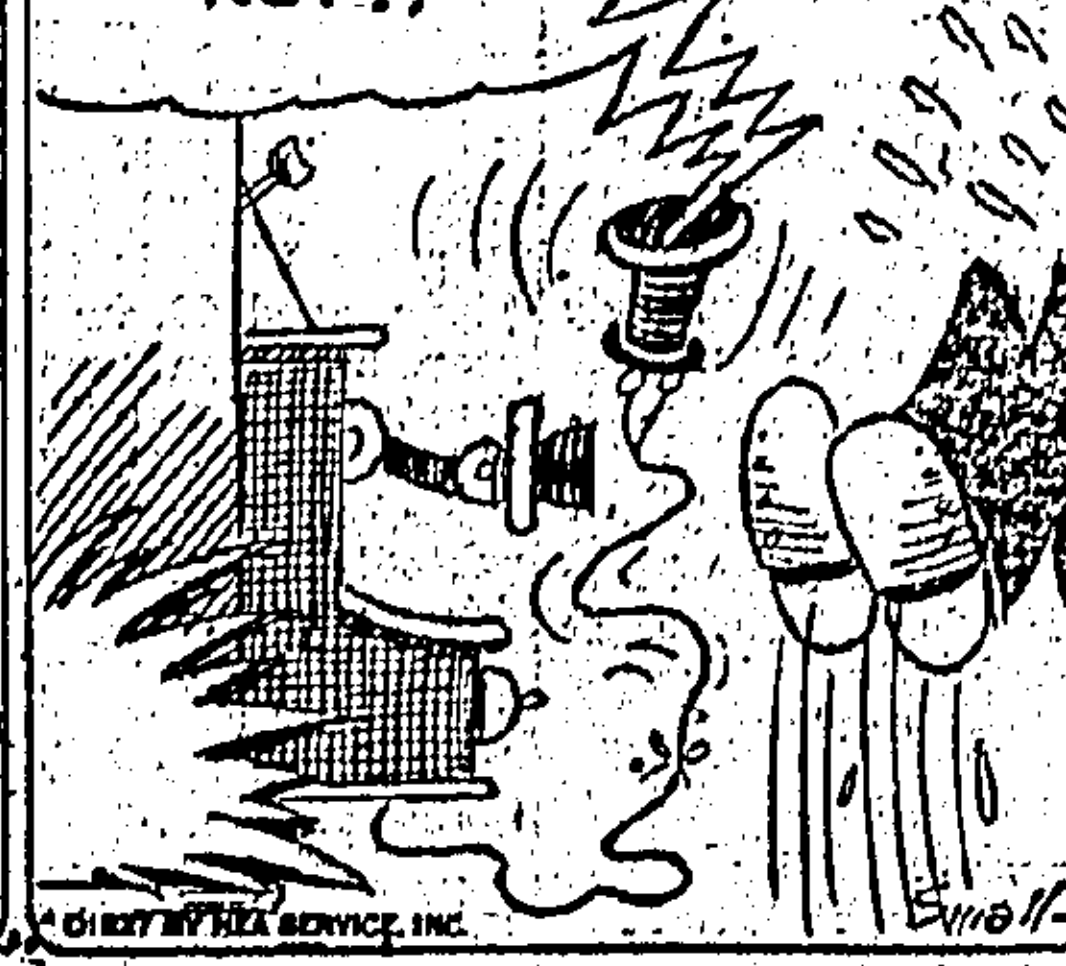
TH' PHONE AT TH' STORE IS ON TH'  
BLINK—SO I GUESS I'LL CALL KITTY  
UP FROM MY BOARDING HOUSE—  
IT'S PRETTY LATE BUT I HOPE  
SHE CAN GO!



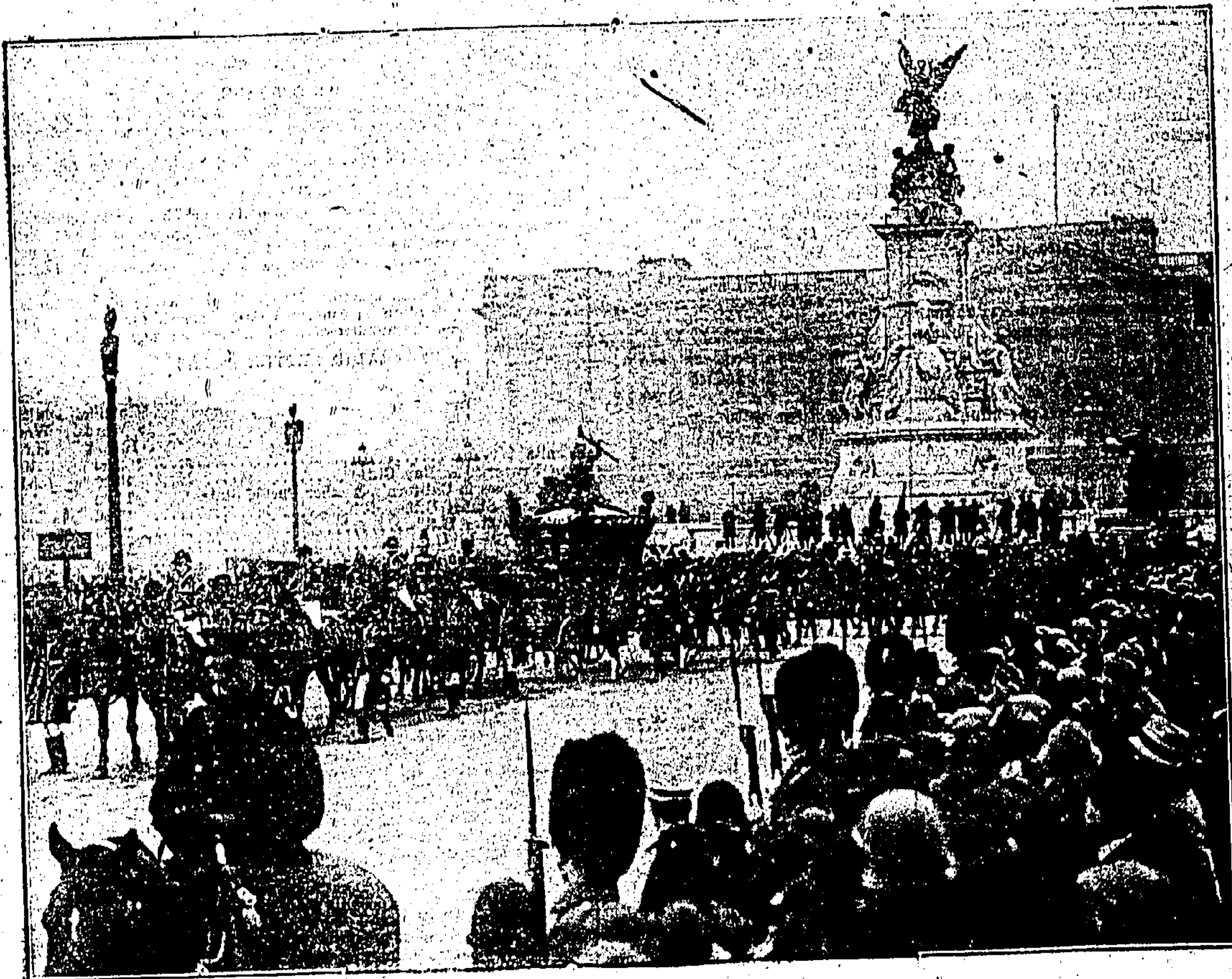
I'M AWFULLY SORRY,  
SAM! YOU KNOW I WAS  
OUT TO A PARTY LAST  
EVENING AND I'M TIRED!  
I WAS JUST GOING  
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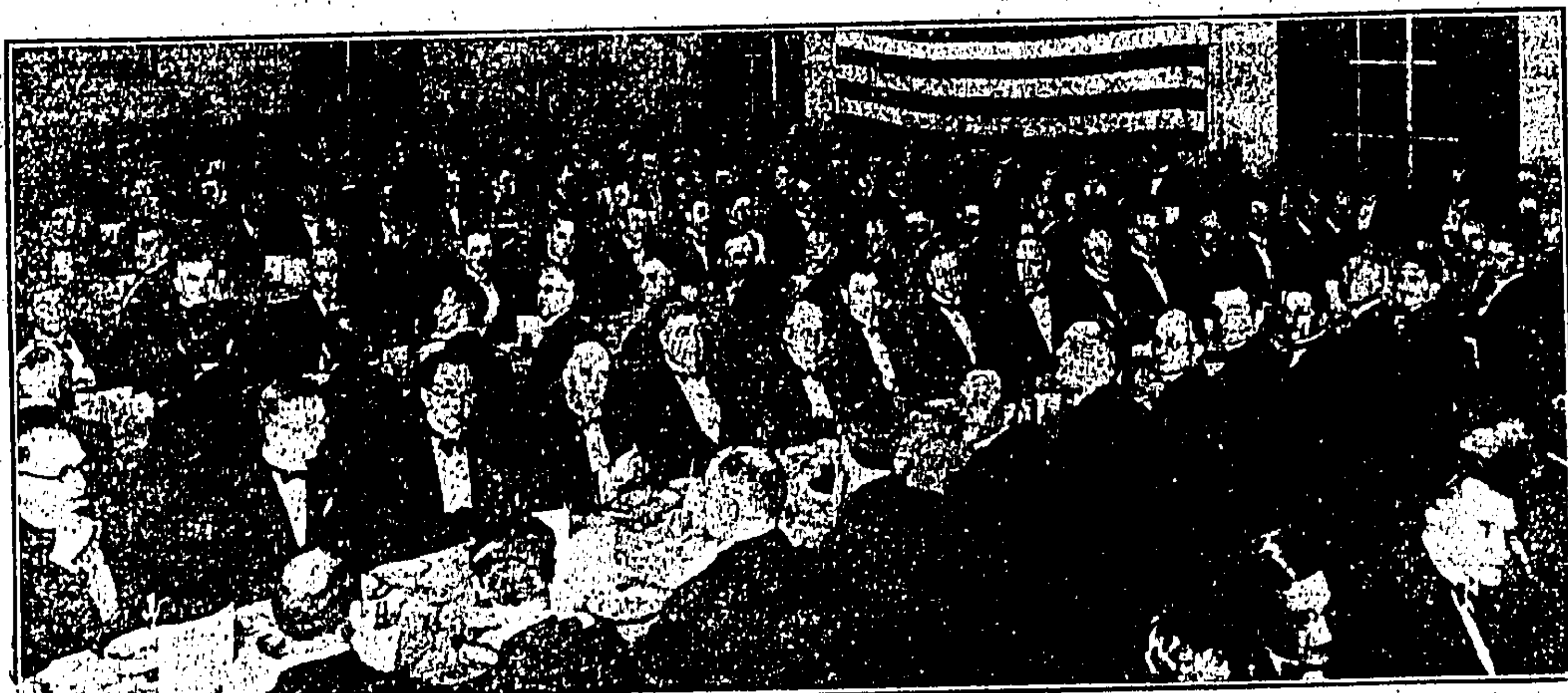
GRACIOUS, SAM!  
I HOPE  
NOT!!







H. M. King George opened the new session of Parliament on Tuesday (February 7) in State. Unfortunately, the Queen had been suffering from a cold, and was not able to accompany him. His Majesty made the journey from Buckingham Palace in the old State Coach, drawn by eight bay horses, mounted by postillions in the Royal liveries. Mounted equeuries, yeomen of the Royal Bodyguard of Yeomen of the Guard, and a Sovereign's Escort of the Royal Horse Guards guarded the Coach. Our picture shows the procession passing the Victoria Memorial on leaving the Palace. (Times copyright)



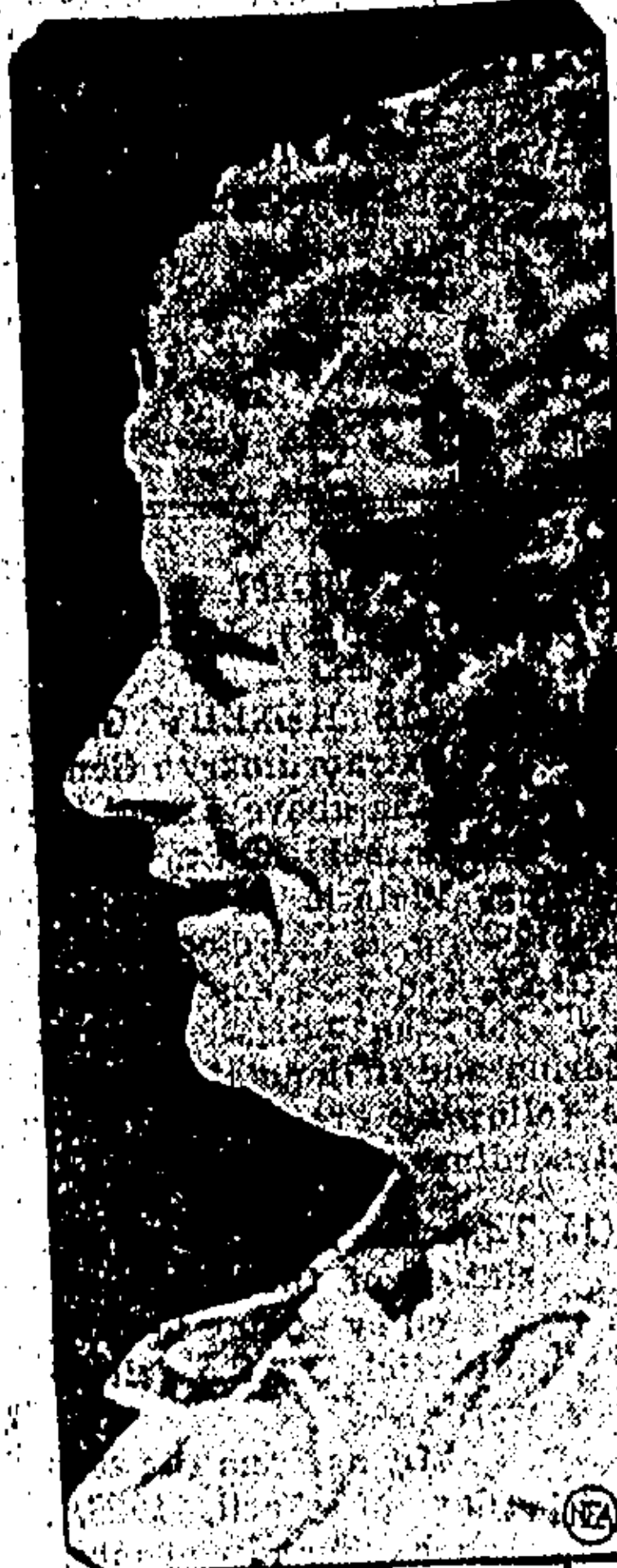
The Shanghai American Club banquet hall was filled to overflowing at a banquet given by the American Chamber of commerce in honour of the U. S. Minister to China, Mr. J. V. A. MacMurray. Photo shows the assembled guests. Mr. MacMurray is to be seen seated under the giant flag between Mr. C. H. French, Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce, and Mr. C. S. Franklin.



Shanghai's drag hunting section said farewell for the next nine months to the open country at the end of the last Sunday's drag hunt. A general impression of hunting in the Minghong country is seen in the above photo which was taken as the hunt came in after an exciting run.



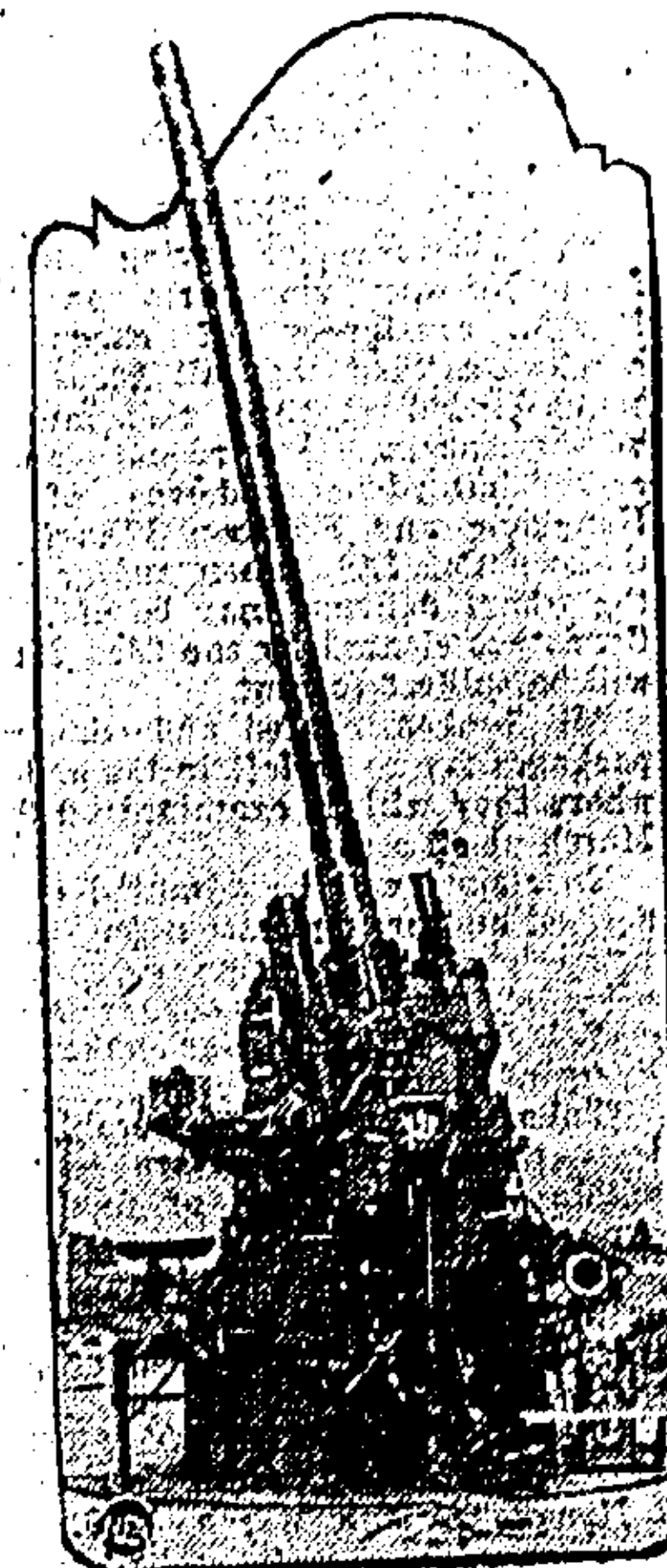
Group taken at the farewell dinner and dance given at Union Club Shanghai by Mr. and Mrs. George S. Aveyard to the staff of the Jardine Engineering Corporation, Ltd. Mr. Aveyard, who is going home on leave, was presented by the staff with a pair of binoculars. The occasion also marked the birthday of Mr. T. Y. Tze, Chinese Manager of the Engineering Corporation.



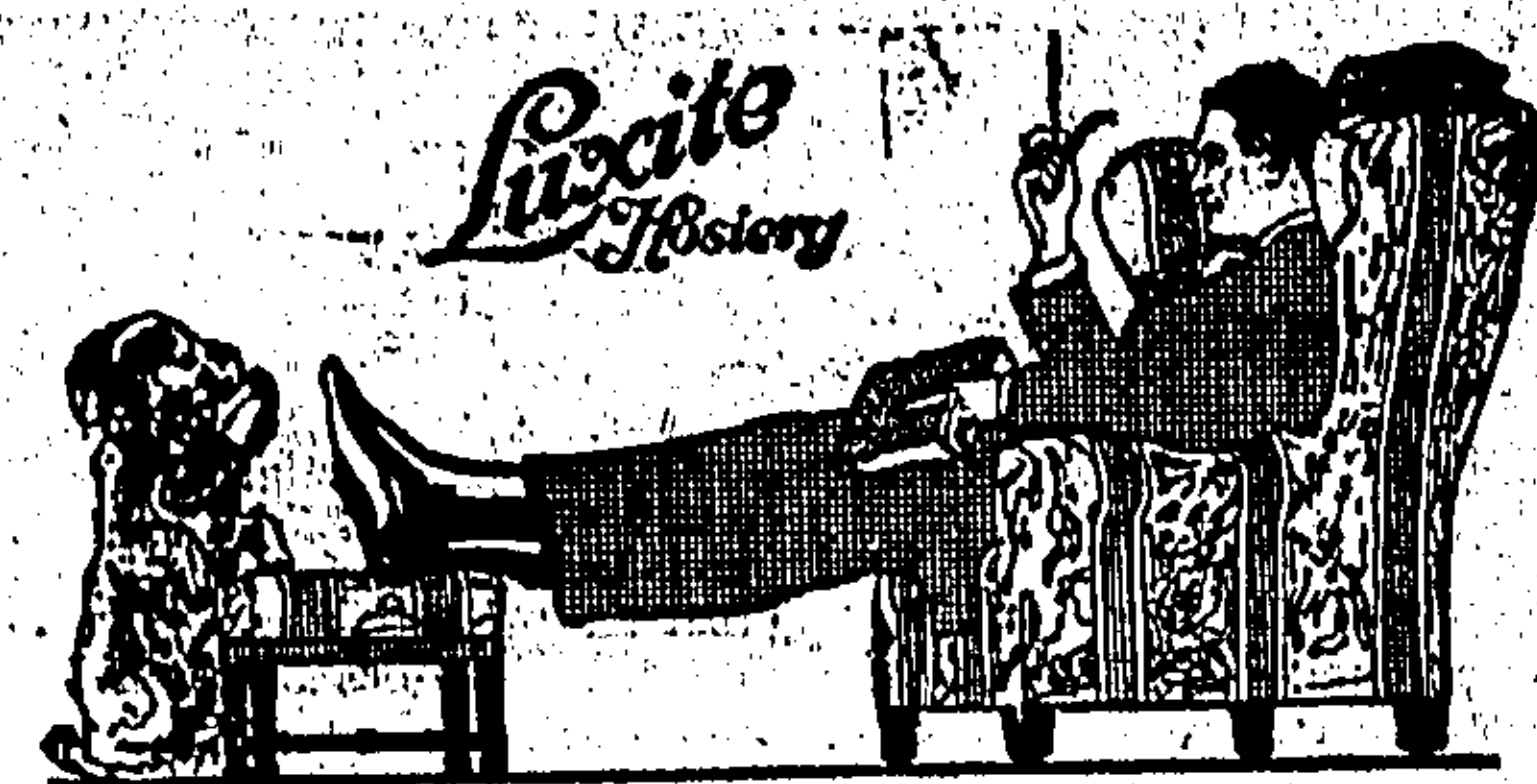
Miss Alice Carr, American Near East Relief worker was attacked by wolves while motoring from Bagdad to Smyrna after her car broke down on the edge of a precipice in Iraq. She was saved by the timely arrival of a British officer and Assyrian soldiers.



Florence Duell, 10, of New York, and Weston Watson, 12, of Forest Hills, L. I. have been selected as the "ideal American girl and boy" by Raymond Woog, French artist.



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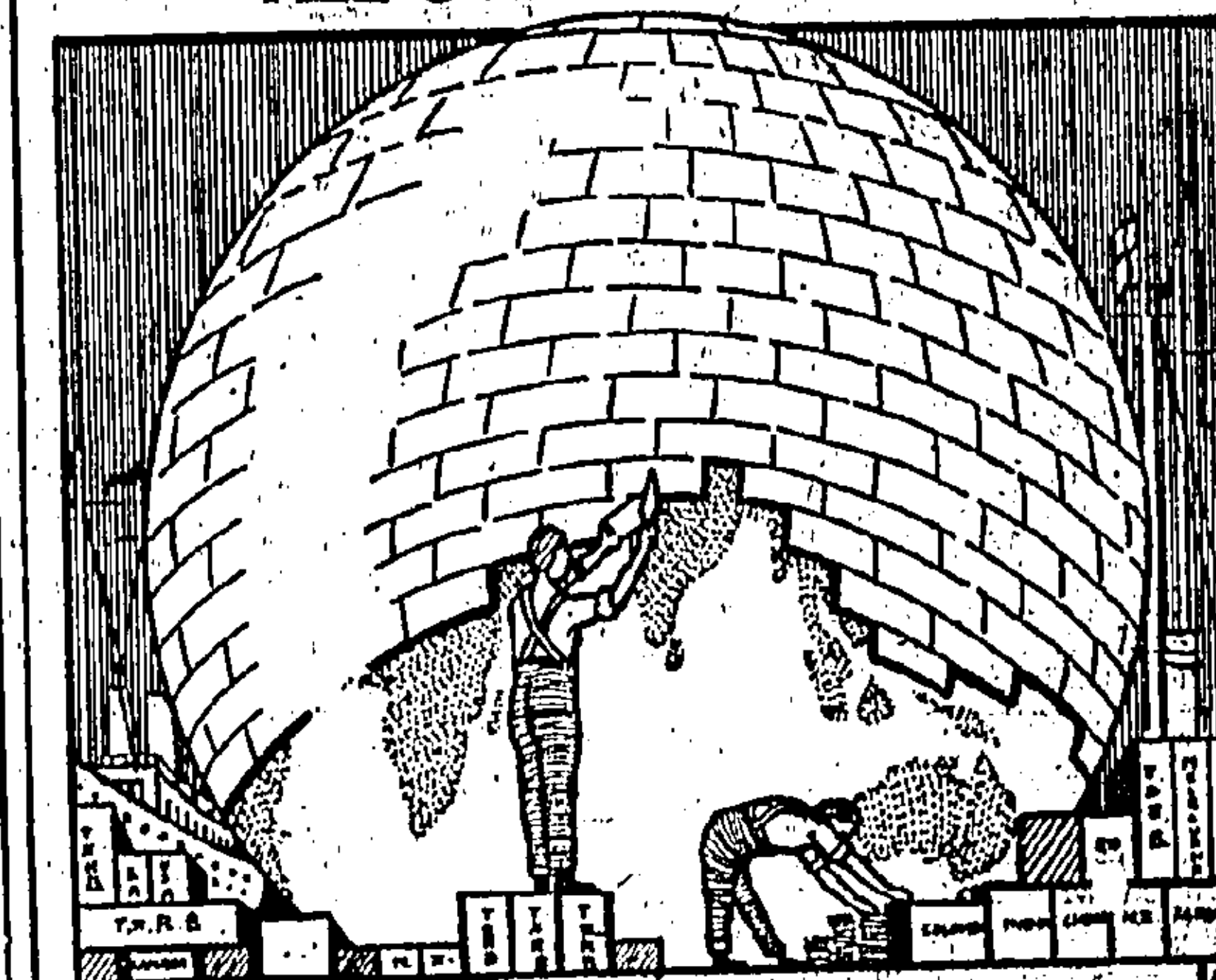
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Saturday, 31st March, 1928.

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**ENTRIES** close before NOON WEDNESDAY, 20th March, 1928.

## NOTICE.

**THE HONGKONG & WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY LIMITED.**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders, will be held in the Office of the Company, 2, Queen's Buildings, Hongkong, on TUESDAY, 20th March, 1928, at noon, for consideration of the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1927.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 14th to the 20th March, 1928, (both days inclusive).

By Order of the Board of Directors.

R. M. DYER,  
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 6th March, 1928.

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**ROYAL HONGKONG YACHT CLUB.**

Members who are not taking part in the Tai Yat Cup Races are hereby informed that a **MENAGERIE RACE** will be held on Saturday, March 17th, 1928. Prep. gun: 2.40 p.m., Starting gun: 2.45 p.m.

By Order,

J. R. L. STANTON,  
Hon. Sec. Sailing Committee,  
Hongkong, March 16th, 1928.

**THE SIMPLEX PLASTER CO., LTD.**

Notice is hereby given that the Fourth Annual General Meeting of the Company will be held at the Registered Office, 2nd floor, Powell's Building, Des Voeux Road, Hongkong, on Thursday, 22nd March, 1928, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, together with a statement of accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1927.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from 15th March to 22nd March, 1928, both days inclusive.

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General Managers,  
Hongkong, 15th March, 1928.

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**NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.**

The Fifty-ninth Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the Under-signed on Monday, the 26th March, 1928, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1927.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 12th to the 26th March, 1928, both days inclusive.

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The Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.  
Hongkong, 5th March, 1928.

**GREEN ISLAND CEMENT COMPANY LIMITED.**

The 39th ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the above COMPANY will be held at the Offices of the Company, St. George's Building, Chater Road, Victoria, Hongkong, on Wednesday, the 21st day of March, 1928, at noon for the purpose of receiving a statement of accounts and the report of the Directors for the year ended 31st December, 1927.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from Tuesday the 13th March, 1928, until Wednesday, the 21st March, 1928, both days inclusive.

**SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,**

General Managers,  
Hongkong, 1st March, 1928.

**HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.**

The Second Extra Race Meeting will be held (weather permitting) at Happy Valley on SATURDAY, 17th March, 1928, commencing at 2.30 p.m. The first bell will be rung at 2 p.m.

The charge for admission to the Public Enclosure will be \$1.00 for all persons including Ladies. Soldiers and Sailors in uniform half price.

Members are advised that they must show their Badges to obtain admission to the Members' Enclosure.

Each member has the right to introduce 2 non-members to the Members' Enclosure, tickets for whom can be obtained from Messrs. Linstead & Davis at \$5.00 each up to FRIDAY, 16th March, 1928.

The charge for admission for Ladies to the Members' Enclosure will be \$2.00. Each member can obtain, upon application to the Secretary, Badges for admission of 2 Ladies free of charge.

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(1) That the Articles of Association of the Company be altered by adding to the end of Article 19 the following words:—

"Or as from the second day of April, 1928, at such other rate of interest as the Directors may from time to time determine."

Should the above mentioned Resolution be passed by the requisite majority it will be submitted for confirmation as a Special Resolution to a further Extraordinary General Meeting to be held at the same time and place on MONDAY, the 16th day of April, 1928, for the purpose of considering and if thought fit confirming the above Resolution as a Special Resolution.

**SHEWAN TOMES & CO.,**  
General Managers.

Hongkong, 14th March, 1928.

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**NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.**

The Forty-fourth Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders in the above Company will be held at St. George's Building, Chater Road, Victoria, on Thursday, the 22nd March, 1928, at 11.30 o'clock a.m. for the purpose of receiving a statement of accounts and the report of the General Managers for the year ended 31st December, 1927, and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from Monday 12th March, 1928, until Thursday the 22nd March, 1928, both days inclusive.

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42 Padlocks.  
124 Trunk Locks.  
395 Drawer Locks.  
17 Electric Horns.  
2 Cases Cigarette Boxes.  
6 Boxes Hosier's Needles.  
11 Brasses Celt.  
9 Drums Fixem.  
27 Electric Excess Indicators.  
21 Pieces Black Sattene.  
1 Case Books.  
3 Bags Paraffine Wax.  
1 Case Quaker Oats.  
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## TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

The following is the list of local share quotations issued to-day:

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Chartered Bank, £212 b.  
Mercantile A. & B., £332 n.  
P. and O., £24 n.  
East Asia, \$724 b.

## Insurance.

Canton Ins., \$675 b.  
Union Ins., \$332 b.  
North China Ins., Tls. 143 n.  
Yangtze Ins., \$451 b.  
China Underwriters, £270 b.  
China Fire, £215 n.  
H. K. Fire Ins., \$745 b.

## Shipping.

Douglases, \$411 b.  
H. K. Steamships, \$284 n.  
H. K. Tugs, £280 c.  
Indo-Chinas, (Def.) \$451 b.  
Shell Trans., \$9/- n.  
Union Waterboats, \$201 n.

## Mining.

Benguet, \$235 n.  
Kailans, 66/- n.  
Langkats, Tls. \$16 n.  
S'hai Exploration, Tls. 2.75 b.  
Raub, \$42 b.  
Tronoh, 17/6 b.

## Docks, etc.

Kowloon Wharves, \$140 n.  
Whampoa Docks, \$484 n.  
China Providents, \$640 n.  
Hongkows, Tls. 164 b.  
New Engineering, Tls. 4.80 n.  
Shanghai Docks, Tls. 101 b.

## Cottons.

Ewo Cottons, Tls. 8.70 b.  
Orientals, Tls. 2.15 b.  
S'hai Cottons, Tls. 60 (old) b.

## Lands, Hotels, etc.

H. and S. Hotels, \$103 n.  
H. K. Lands, \$672 b.  
S'hai Lands, Tls. \$131 b.  
Humphreys, \$15 b.  
Realties, \$8.75 n.  
Territorials, \$11 n.

## Public Utilities.

Tramways, \$263 n.  
Peak Tram, (old) \$124 b.  
Star Ferries, \$644 b.  
China Lights, (Comb) \$18 b.  
H'kong Electric, \$742 b.  
Macao Electric, \$21 b.  
Telephones, \$475 b.  
China Buses, Tls. 61 n.  
Singapore Tractors, 11/9 b.

## Industrials.

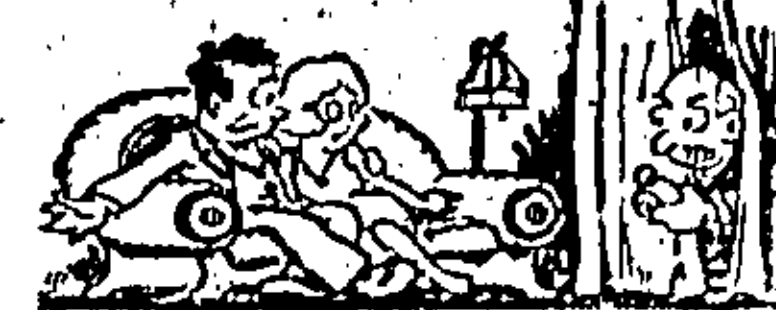
China Sugars, \$124 b.  
Malabons, \$27 n.  
Canton Toss, \$4 b.  
Coments (Comb) \$1245 n.  
Ropes (Old) \$940 n.  
United Asbestos, \$10 n.  
Stores & Co.  
Dairy Farms, \$211 b.  
Watsons, \$1425 b.  
Der A. Wing, \$2 n.  
Lanc Crawfords, \$3.65 b.  
Mackintosh, \$22 n.  
Sinceres, \$3.60 n.  
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## Miscellaneous.

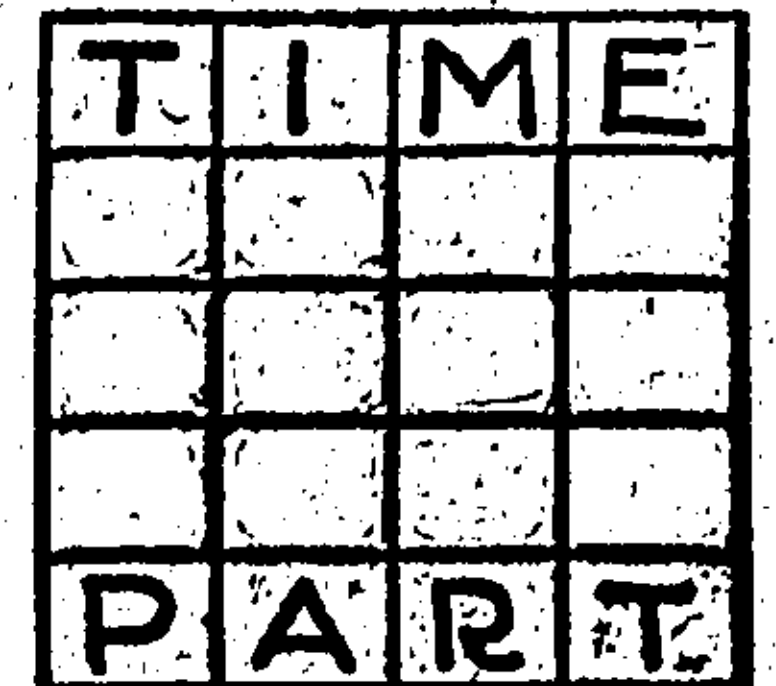
Amusements, \$294 b.  
Constructions, \$14 n.  
B'que Ind. G. Bonds, 60% b.  
H. K. G. Loan, 6% Prem.

## LETTER GOLF.

Parting is such sweet sorrow—  
especially at midnight—and incidentally, Letter Golf fans, par on



TIME to PART is four jumps, although Jennie may be able to do it in less if father calls down from upstairs.



1—The idea of letter golf is to change one word to another and do it in par, a given number of strokes. Thus to change COW TO HEN, in three strokes, COW, HOW, HEW, HEN.

2—You can change only one letter at a time.  
3—You must have a complete word, of common usage, for each jump. Slang words and abbreviations don't count.  
4—The order of letters cannot be changed.  
One solution is printed on another page of this issue.

## POST OFFICE NOTICE

## NOTICE.

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M. J. BRENN,  
POSTMASTER GENERAL.

24th February, 1928.

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It is notified for information that the via Wireless rate to EUROPE has been reduced from \$2.05 to \$1.70 per word from 7th inst.

Rates and further particulars on application to the RADIO COUNTEY, 1st Floor, Government Building.

Telegraphic Addresses—Persons and firms having correspondents in the places named above should in order to avoid delay to telegrams received by radio register their telegraphic address immediately.

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Dutiable articles forwarded by meter post to Great Britain are liable to confiscation by the Customs. Such articles should be forwarded by parcel post only.

Letters and postcards for Europe and the British Isles are forwarded via Siberia if so superscribed.

The Postal Service to Swabue and neighbouring places is entirely suspended until further notice.

## INWARD MAILS.

From For Due

Australia and Manila ..... Aki Maru ..... March 16.

Japan and Shanghai ..... Kashmir ..... March 16.

Straits ..... Nagpore ..... March 17.

Calcutta and Straits ..... Katsang ..... March 17.

Shanghai ..... Szechuen ..... March 17.

U.S.A., Canada, Japan and Shanghai President Lincoln ..... March 18.

Straits ..... Fushimi Maru ..... March 18.

Amoy ..... Talma ..... March 18.

Shanghai ..... Kanchow ..... March 18.

Straits ..... Sankha ..... March 18.

Japan and Shanghai ..... Porthos ..... March 27.

## OUTWARD MAILS.



# RECORDS.

## THE SEASON'S HITS

- 4680 Forgive Me  
Pick a Rose
- 4690 Red Lips Kiss My Blues  
Hello Cattle
- 4748 So Blue  
I Wonder How I Look
- 4659 Hallelujah  
Gonna Get a Girl
- 4715 Me and My Shadow  
In a Street
- 4742 When Day is Done  
Broken Hearted
- 4671 Doll Dance  
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- 0179 Girl Friend  
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## THE PHYSICIAN AND THE SCEPTIC.

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"Just what do you mean by 'patent medicines'?" asked the physician.

"Why-er-all secret medicinal preparations," answered the sceptic, "all remedies of which the formula is never divulged. It is senseless to take medicine if you don't know what it contains."

"Of course," suggested the doctor, "you always read a physician's prescription and quite understand what is being given you."

"Well, no," admitted the sceptic. "But then, you see, it is a physician who is prescribing, and who knows what he is about."

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# WOMAN'S WORLD

FOR OUR LADY READERS.

## Impressions.

MUST BE FAIR JUDGES.

[By Olive Roberts Barton.]

A certain book review contains this sentence: "You will get out of this book what you take to it." Meaning that one's impression of the story depends entirely upon the mind of the reader. It is, I believe, a perfectly true statement.

It cannot be denied that there is the type of book—and let us include plays—turned out for the mere purpose of catching the dollars of a public eager to pay for obscenity.

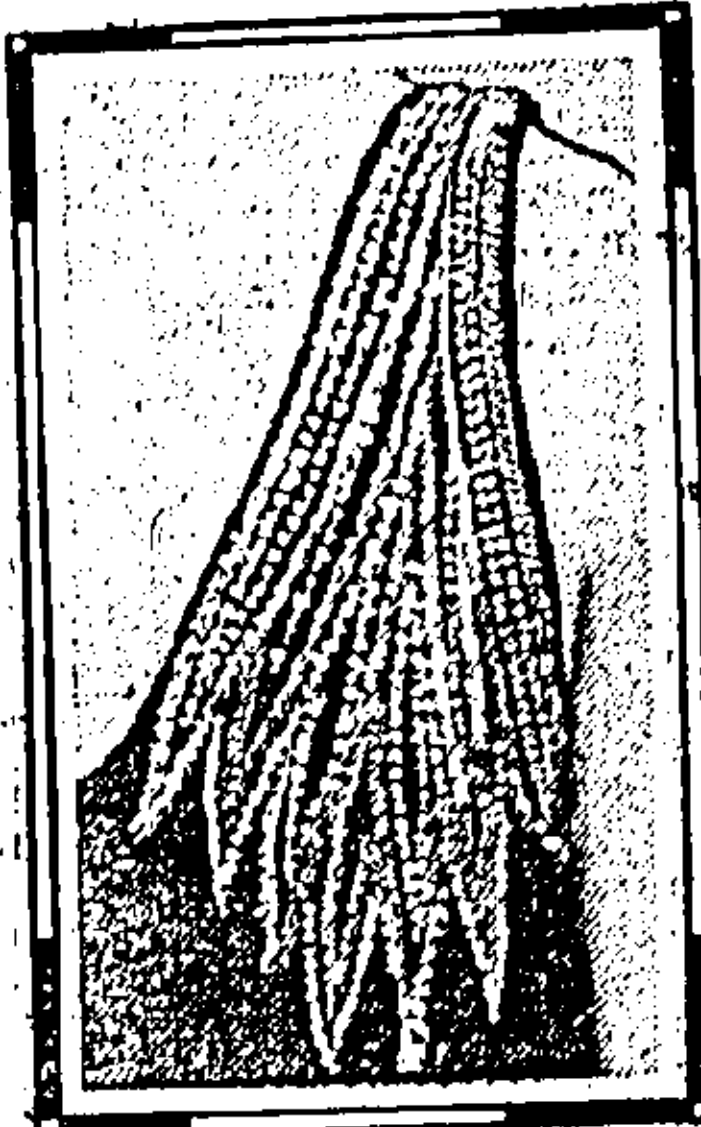
But on the other hand, to hear a gorgeous book or a dramatic classic condemned by the ignorant, because it handles without gloves a cross section of life that happens to be unbecomingly (and surely we know how much of life is unbecomingly) is almost beyond bearing. Any demonstration of prudery is disgusting, for prudery is merely a mask that hides unnamable things behind it.

When the outraged emerge from a theatre that has unfolded an elemental drama before their shocked eyes, and declare it to be indecent, one wonders often just where the indecency lies, in the theatre or in the patron's own mind. It reminds me of the man at the riqgue review who turned to his wife and remarked loudly, "If I had an idea what this show was like, I wouldn't have come." And he added sotto voce, "I went to six places for tickets and then had to pay a blank scalper thirty dollars."

Those who hold their indigo noses are, as often as not, the very ones who applaud the loudest when the same plot is labelled Shakespeare or grand opera. There they have an excuse for applause and the world will not lift its eyebrows.

How, then, should we judge a play or a book impartially? To clean our minds of their unclean corners, and operate on the very large beams in our eyes, that obscure clear vision. Then we will have no need of that camouflage, prudery, which so often masquerades as virtue. Then and then only can we be fair judges.

## Gleaming Shoulder.



A black velvet evening gown has its right shoulder decorated with a tress and back ornament of gleaming strass and diamante.

## Embroideries.

### GORGEOUS FLOWERS AT ART EXHIBITION.

Not only has embroidery become very popular on frocks this year, but the distinctive embroidery of Russia has come to the fore once more. This may be due to the presence in Paris of so

## Black & White.



Soft black crepe satin materialises the skirt of this dainty home gown, and white crepe satin the simple bodice. The scalloped effect which marks the junction of bodice and skirt is an attractive feature.

many Russian refugees, but it is more probable that the couturiers, having lunched the mode, searched far and wide for original patterns.

In most countries in the Near East the peasant women are renowned for their beautiful embroidery, and, although the work from these different lands may seem very similar to a casual observer, it will be noticed, on close examination, that Rumanian embroidery, for instance, has as much character of its own as that from Russia.

Indeed, many of the patterns from which the Rumanian peasant women work, are extremely ancient, and have been handed down from generation to generation for many hundreds of years. It is regrettable, however, that, since the war, syndicates have been formed to buy the work of the peasants, and to exploit the market, for the women are now often given stereotyped patterns to work from, with the result that their old and more beautiful designs are in danger of being forgotten.

For those who like novelty, and to whom a bouquet of crystal flowers is a constant source of worry, Paris is showing flowers of felt, of leather, and even of tin. Very large bouquets of tin roses—resembling the gorgeous flowers seen at Art Exhibitions—are also available for use as a table decoration. The bouquets of felt or of leather, and flat flowers made of a combination of these two materials are to be used on sports dresses this season. The many-coloured flowers, lightly stylized, are employed for this type of boutonniere.

## Odds and Ends.

"If a man wants a hat, he goes out and buys it, but a woman shops for hers. That only proves that buying a hat is an incident to a man and an event to a woman." It rather makes one wonder if the author isn't a bit behind the times and is thinking of a day when women had plenty of time to shop!

### No Time to Shop.

Nowadays, with the majority of women doing their shopping on their moon-hours of freedom from the job, buying a hat has necessarily become for them just an incident instead of the event it once was. It's the change in feminine life that comes the hardest. Listen to any group of business and professional women talk, and you will find that the blackest pill of all to swallow is the "no time to shop" wall.

### Hairs Sewed in.

A red-headed New York maid had about 100 new hairs sewn in her scalp the other day by a distinguished Norwegian professor who claims to have sewn hairs into the bald heads of Europe's royalty. Funny thing, this, a girl having hair sewn in only to have it cut off, again! Bald-headed men should be interested in this scientific development!

### Flapper School Ma'am.

"Flapper teacher" was recently extolled by a city superintendent of schools who declared that "the flapper with her snappy, frivolous exterior had a serious and earnest purpose in her job." Of course; what room for argument? If there must be some, the one supreme argument is that the nearer in age and understanding and custom any leader of children is to those children, the better for them.

### Male Wisdom.

No book has caused such a furore in many moons as John Langdon-Davies' "Short History of Woman." The comments are as much fun as the book. Thus one woman reviewer writes:

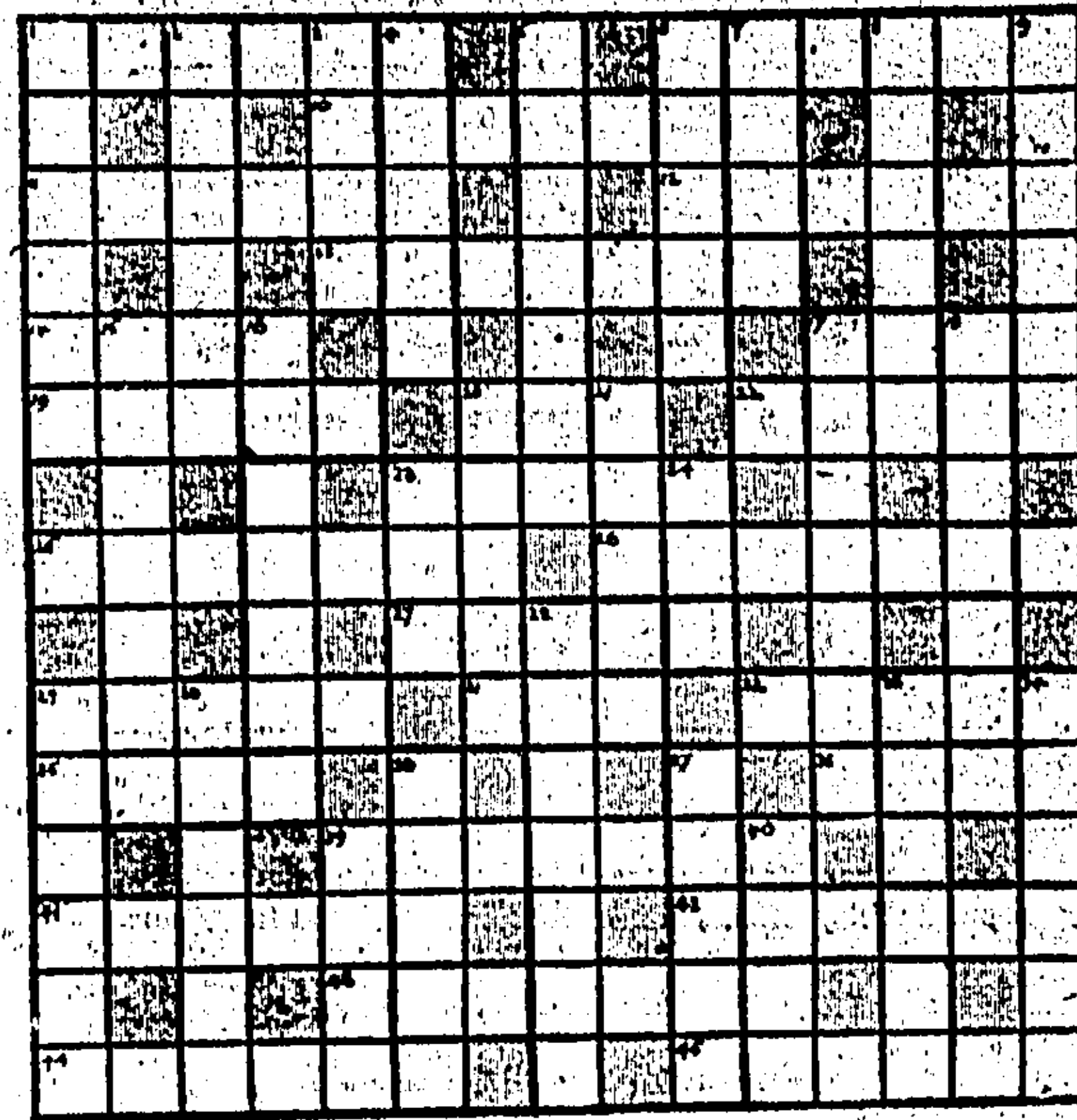
"The author's demand for women of 'the right to work' is another of these sentimental evasions. The percentage of feminine parasites, non-producing consumers, has never been greater than that of men parasites. What women suffer from yet is not getting paid for their work. Unrewarded drudgery is quite as stupefying as idleness, and much less agreeable."

## The Latest.



A spray of golden yellow aligrettes on a Paris hat has two flagrant gold ball buttons caught in the centre for added beauty.

## OUR CROSSWORD PUZZLE.



- Across.
- 1 Burnish.
  - 6 Dark part of a picture.
  - 10 Spear-shaped.
  - 11 Redeem from captivity.
  - 12 Recover.
  - 13 Senior army officer.
  - 14 Projecting point.
  - 17 Read with steady perseverance.
  - 19 Frequent.
  - 20 Guided.
  - 22 Giver.
  - 23 Edges.
  - 25 That which is perceived.
  - 26 Slender lofty turret in a Mohammedan country.
  - 27 Malicious burning.
  - 29 Plant of the genus Alnus.
  - 31 Even (poet).
  - 32 Commonplace.
  - 35 One who colours cloths.
  - 38 Paradise.
  - 39 Deficiency.
  - 41 Like best.
  - 42 Hydrocarbon allied to marsh gas.
  - 43 Belonging to Acadia.
  - 44 Staid.
  - 45 Large quantities.
- Down.
- 1 Sign.
  - 2 Kind of carriage.
  - 3 Sudden shake.
  - 4 Parts of a horse's collar.
  - 5 Scattered.
  - 6 Dried grain, stalks.
  - 7 Part of the boot.
  - 8 Fabulous monster.
- Yesterday's Puzzle.
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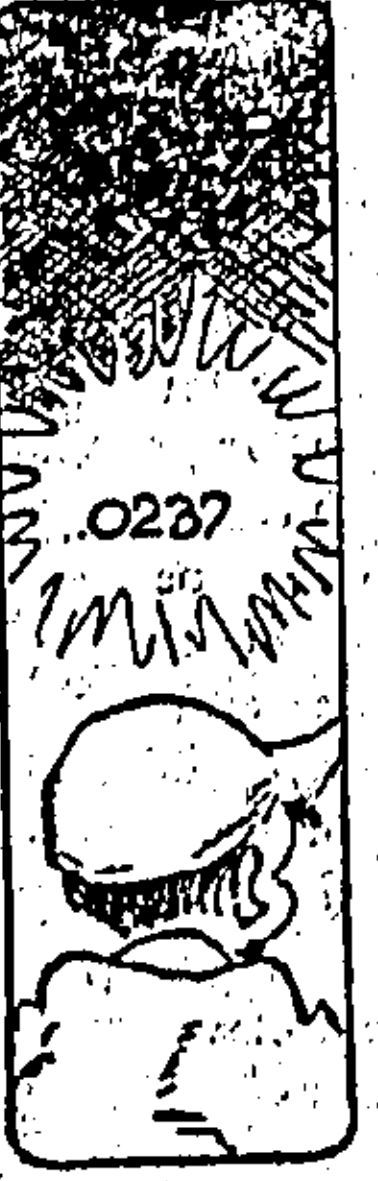
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Hongkong Telegraph.

FRIDAY, MARCH 16, 1928.

## TRADE OPENINGS.

The references in the Legislative Council yesterday to the benefits resulting from the exchange of official visits between the heads of the Hongkong and Canton Governments were very timely, and we should in particular like to associate ourselves with the deserved tribute which Sir Henry Pollock paid to His Excellency the Governor in this connexion. It was only a few days ago that we had occasion to refer to the fortunate position in which this Colony is placed by having, at this juncture in its history, a man of the type of Sir Cecil Clementi at its head. Sir Henry Pollock put into a few words what this means when he stated that His Excellency combines a profound insight into the Chinese character with a genuine sympathy with the aspirations of the Chinese people. Those attributes have been of distinct value in the task, to which Sir Cecil has devoted himself with such success, of achieving a renewal of the traditional friendship between this Colony and Hongkong. When His Excellency took up the Governorship of Hongkong, he was greatly pained to find that the old relationships between the two places had given place to what he himself has described as an artificial semblance of enmity, to the removal of which he has since applied himself with energy and optimism. How far his efforts have succeeded, the whole Colony now knows. The restoration of official contact, valuable as it is, represents, however, only the first stage in a movement which should prove of inestimable benefit alike to this Colony and Canton. On the foundation now laid, it is for the business men of both places to build up a new structure. There are scarcely any limits to the possibilities of trade between Hongkong and South China generally, but the business has to be sought; it will not come of its own accord. It is here that commercial enterprise will reap its due reward, and it is here that the opportunity exists for the British trader. Some few weeks ago, the Chairman of Barclay's Bank, speaking at the annual meeting of that institution, made some remarks which, it appears to us, apply with much force to

the situation here in South China. He asserted that we could not expect people overseas to purchase British goods unless they were obtainable at reasonably competitive prices, adding that "this problem of ensuring that British prices are on a comparative level is one that imposes an obligation not only upon actual producers, both masters and men, but also upon all those engaged in the process of distribution and marketing." As we say, those observations have a very apt application to the position in South China to-day, when British business interests have the opportunity of recapturing some of our lost or partly-lost markets. Not only have we to get our goods before our customers in attractive form, but we have to push their sale by every available means of publicity open to us if we are to make full use of the channels once again opened up for us. On the point of quality, British goods need fear no competition; it is in the distribution and marketing that the campaign should be waged with unremitting energy and enterprise. There is another big, and equally important, factor. We refer to the point of personal contact with the Chinese, upon which so much depends in the cultivation of business relationships. We have heard it said by Chinese, in quite a friendly way, that occasionally the British business man shows less aptitude in securing orders than do the representatives of some other countries, mainly because of his "stand-offishness" and "reserve." Whether that criticism is justified or not, we will not venture to say. But the personal element is certainly a big one in the world of commerce, and we do feel that it is up to the representatives of British commerce to do all in their power, by sincerity of friendship and by happy contact, to make it a pleasure for Chinese to do business with them. The points we have mentioned are some of the pre-requisites of better trade for Britain here in South China. We trust that they will not be overlooked.

## Licensing Hours.

There will be many who will agree with a correspondent that the "last one" is an important item in the daily programme of some of our rugged residents, and, therefore, view somewhat sympathetically his grievance that some local hotels are not performing according to the essence of their contract. It must be a great hardship to find that at 11.50 p.m. it is impossible to acquire the spirit necessary to a thorough mellowing of the temperament, and if this state of affairs is continued we cannot forecast the destination of modern society! Nonsense to one side, however, the point raised by the correspondent does seem a subject of considerable interest. Is a hotel entitled to close its bar before the hour set down in the terms of its licence? The licence itself does not make it quite clear, stating "No liquor shall be sold or drunk upon any licensed premises except between 8 a.m. and 12 o'clock midnight." We are wondering whether the hours specified also imply that the hotel supply must be available to visitors at any time between those hours, and if we mistake not, cases at Home all point to this as an established practice. A public-house, by its designation, is established for the benefit of the public. It seems to us that a licensee is granted a favour in permission to sell liquor at a profit to the exclusion of a great many other folk who might desire to do so, and that in return for that favour, he is under an obligation to remain open for the sale of refreshments until the hour stated by the Government.

The expenses of Mr. E. A. Hallwood, the Independent Conservative candidate at Northampton by-election on January 9, amounting to \$399 17s. 3d., representing 18s. 3½d. per vote. The other candidates' expenses were Colonel L'Estrange Malone (Labour), who was elected, \$347 18s. 8d., or practically 1s. 3d. per vote; Captain A. F. G. Benton (Conservative), \$1,153 5s. 6d., or 1s. 8½d. per vote; and Mr. S. Copp Morgan (Liberal), \$1,041 15s. 2d., or 2s. 2d. per vote.

## DAY BY DAY.

MAN GIVES FROM PRINCIPLE;  
WOMAN FROM SYMPATHY.—John  
Pulseford.

The health return for yesterday shows one case each of typhoid and cerebro-spinal fever. Both were Chinese.

Sub-Inspector Hourigan, Sub-Inspector M. Murphy and Detective Sergeant McEwan returned to the Colony from Home leave yesterday.

During Mr. H. C. Shrubsole's absence in Shanghai, Mr. S. H. Langston will take charge of the Nestle and Anglo-Swiss Condensed Milk Co.

The s.s. Empress of Asia is docking at Kowloon at 2 p.m. to-day to replace a chipped propeller blade, but will sail for Manila on schedule to-morrow.

The late Mr. William McNiven, M.B., M.C., of Hamilton Park-terrace, Glasgow, late Senior Medical Officer, Weihaiwei, North China, left \$14,023.

Amongst the passengers who left for Australian ports by the s.s. Taiping were Mr. and Mrs. Ford Yull, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Hill, Mr. and Mrs. C. Strafford, Mr. and Mrs. D. Mulcahy, Mr. and Mrs. G. Manwaring, and Capt. R. Q. F. Johnston.

This morning's Harbour Office reports gave an increased tonnage, with 15 arrivals and 20 departures, but cargo returns were low. There were only six freight registries over the four-figure mark inward, and only five through, with one vessel from the north in ballast. The heaviest returns, of the day were made by Japanese, Dutch and German. At 9 a.m. there remained 67 vessels in harbour, of which 25 were British.

## THE WEEK'S PICTURES.

FEATURES OF TO-MORROW'S  
"TELEGRAPH."

There will again be a most interesting selection of local pictures in to-morrow's *Telegraph*. In addition to three photographs taken during the official visit of H.E. the Governor to Canton, there will be snapshots of the Shield semi-final between the Hongkong and Kowloon Football Clubs, with a group of the Kowloon team; some interesting pictures of the Motor Cycle Reliability Trial; a group of the officers of the Volunteer Defence Corps; and groups taken at the wedding of Mr. A. E. Kew and Miss Nancy Joyce Ho, and of Mr. Ma Wai-but and Miss M. K. Tao.

## EXCHANGE RATES.

	London, Mar. 15.
Paris	124
Brussels	85
Amsterdam	12.12½
Berlin	20.41
Copenhagen	18.21
Vienna	34.64½
Helsingfors	189.34
Lisbon	115/16
Bucharest	78½
Buenos Aires	47½
Shanghai	2/6 1/3
Yokohama	1/11 3/32
New York	4.87 27/32
Geneva	25.34
Milan	92.40
Stockholm	18.18
Oslo	18.82
Prague	164½
Madrid	29.02½
Athens	269/64
Hio	1/8 1/4
Bombay	1/8 1/4
Hongkong	2/0 1/4
Silver (spot)	25.5/10
Silver (forward)	20½

—British Wireless.

BIG HAUL OF  
OPIUM.OVER 3,000 TAELES FROM  
THE "HAI HONG."

Over 3,000 tael of prepared opium were seized in a raid carried out yesterday morning by Chief Preventive Officer Clark and Revenue Officer Ward on the s.s. Hai Hong, at the Douglas Company's wharf. As a sequel to the raid, three men appeared before Mr. R. E. Lindell this morning, charged with being in possession of 3,000 tael of prepared opium. The men were charged with attempting to import the contraband.

Mr. Leo D'Almeida e Castro appeared for the defendants and applied for a remand. In the course of his application, he told his Worship, that, in view of the large quantity of opium seized, he would not ask for bail. He explained that he required a remand in order to have an opportunity to interview the defendants. The case was adjourned until March 21st.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

## LICENSING HOURS.

[To The Editor of Hongkong  
Telegraph.]

Sir.—On requesting a drink at a local hotel at 11.50 p.m. one night this week, I was informed by the manager that he had adopted the practice of closing his bar at that time precisely.

May I enquire whether the hotel-keeper has a right to refuse to serve a drink ten minutes before the official closing time?

It has always been my impression that an inn was legally obliged to supply refreshment right up to the official closing hour, and I believe that I had a legal right to demand that my request be gratified. It is annoying to invite a person to drink with you when apparently there is plenty of time and then to find that a hotel has established regulations contrary to those of his licence.—Yours etc.,

B.  
Hongkong, Mar. 15th, 1928.

## COMPANY REPORT.

HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE  
CO., LTD.

The report of the Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., for the year ended 31st December, 1927 states: 1926 Account.—This Account shows a surplus of \$742,214.12, and it is recommended that this sum be appropriated as follows:—To pay a dividend of \$43 per share, \$344,000; To add to Sterling Reserve \$25,000, \$246,153.85; To add to Silver Reserve, \$100,000; To add to Reinsurance Fund \$5,287.75, \$52,060.27.

Sterling Reserve.—During the past year the sum \$50,000 was transferred from the Reinsurance Fund to create a Sterling Reserve, and with the above recommended appropriation this Reserve will stand at a figure of \$75,000. 1927 Account.—The balance at credit of this Account is \$702,855.11.

Consulting Committee.—Sir Robert Ho Tung, Messrs. C. Bernard Brown, A. H. Compton, L. Dunbar, A. S. Gubbay, T. E. Pearce and H. P. White retire but, being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

Auditors.—The accounts have been audited by Messrs. Lowe, Bingham & Matthews and Percy Smith, Selk and Fleming who, being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

## 21 YEARS AGO.

SOME EXTRACTS FROM THE  
"TELEGRAPH" FILES.

The following items are from the *Hongkong Telegraph* for the week ended March 16th 1907.

The rate of the dollar on demand was 2s. 2½d.

Major J. G. King, D.S.O., was posted to the General Staff, South China Command.

The London *Times* comments on the improved feeling towards foreigners in China, and on the earnest desire being shown for Western education.

The Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., reported a profit on working of \$407,693, and recommended a final dividend of five per cent., making ten per cent. for the year.

Mr. John Armstrong was appointed Manager of the Local branch of the Chartered Bank.

The net profit of the Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Co., Ltd., including \$5,313 brought forward, totalled \$108,212. A dividend of \$2 was recommended.

Mr. J. H. (now Sir Joseph) Kamp was appointed to act as Registrar of the Supreme Court.

The marriage took place in Hongkong of Mr. C. C. Wu and Miss Martha Ho Kai.

## STATE VISIT ENDS.

KING AMANULLAH NOW  
GUEST OF GOVERNMENT.

London, Mar. 15.

The State visit of the King and Queen of Afghanistan concluded to-day, when their Majesties left Buckingham Palace for Claridge's Hotel, where they were received by Viscount Peel on behalf of the Government, whose guests they now become. In Claridge's, two complete floors have been specially decorated and prepared.—*British Wireless*.

## The Very Idea!

Husband (in car)—"Great heavens! The engine is terribly overheated."  
Wife (calmly)—"Then why don't you turn off the radiator?"

Lord Lascelles, speaking in support of a clinic in London, said the people in the wollen and worsted trades in his part of the country—the West Riding of Yorkshire—had fallen on evil times, for they were the victims of fashion. The cloth they made was used for ladies' dresses, and regarding those dresses the Bishop of Ely had written:—

Half an inch, half an inch, half an inch shorter,  
The skirts are the same for  
mother and daughter;  
When the wind blows each of  
them shows  
Half an inch, half an inch  
more than they oughter.

Viscount Lascelles said he hoped that what the ladies saved on these half inches they would devote to the clinic.

San Francisco.—More than 20 persons were washed into the bay, when the ferry *Peralta* seemed to dip her bow, on Friday. They were picked up by passing boats.

Nottingham youth: Football is far more important than courting.

Willesden magistrate: If you knew you were drunk why did you go to the expense of having a doctor called? Man: I was not sure until I had seen the doctor.

Woman at Willesden: Everything my husband's family do is to spite me and my husband. Magistrate: Surely her son is not getting married to spite you.

Solicitor at Shorehithe County Court: Were you connected with the accident? Man: Not guilty—I mean no.

Serious minded academic examiners as they wade through miles of foolscap at examination time, have been known to break down under the emotional strain of canning the blissfully unconscious humour of schoolboy hopefuls. Scanning their questions, and nibbling away the end of their pens in the throes of mental effort, the young knights of the exercise books produce in flashes of inspiration, wonderful fragments of philosophic humour. But sometimes it is the parent who is the unconscious humorist, with her native "note to teacher," as the following example, which is vouchsafed for, will show. The teacher of a Queensland country town was considerably diverted one morning to get a note from "Charlie's" mother, stating that the little fellow had been absent on the previous afternoon as he "got a terrible pain in his dinner-hour!"

Ex-Bailie Cochran, Leith, told some amusing "Irish bulls" at a social function recently.

An Irishman, after being in America for many years, returned to Ireland to spend the evening of his days, and inquired for a friend he hadn't seen for a long time.

He was directed to the domicile of this man, and knocked at the door. To the party who answered the door he said, "Does Pat Murphy live here?"

"Sure, and he does, but he is dead," replied a fellow-countryman. "I am sorry to hear that. When did he die?" inquired the visitor.

"If he had lived till to-morrow he would have been dead a fortnight," was the answer.

"And where is he buried?" was the next query.

"He is buried in the old churchyard of Tipperary, where I hope to be buried if I am spared," replied this son of Erin.

"And did Pat leave any family?" asked the visitor.

"He left no family, and his father and mother left no family," was the last amusing "bull" of the Hibernian.

A Jew named Leibfeld died at the age of 125 years at Lisko, after a century of happy married life. He is survived by his widow, aged 119 years, and six children, of whom the youngest is aged 80. Leibfeld was never ill during his long life.

Toch has become the religion of the younger people of the country.—Mr. P. N. S. Graeme.

Young people of the present day want warmth and colour in the Church services.—Brigadier-General A. J. Kelly.

Sometimes human society as a whole does things of which apex might very well feel ashamed.—Sir Charles G. Robertson.

Whether it would be less painful to spread the agony of paying income-tax over a long period is a matter for personal judgment.—Mr. Churchill.

Forthcoming weddings announced include that of Mr. J. Johnston, prison department, Victoria Gaol, to Miss D. Wiltshire, 109 Wongsai-chung Road, Hongkong. Also Mr. H. E. Gardner, banker, 6 Minden Avenue, Kowloon, to Miss M. P. Follett, 47 Granville Road, Kowloon.



## DEFEAT OF SWABUE COMMUNISTS.

REDS STILL UNBEATEN IN ONE DISTRICT.

## MAIN BATTLE SOON.

Swatow, Mar. 13.

As the news of the defeat of the Communists in the Hai-Luk Fung district comes through, refugees have been flocking back. Some go to points nearer to their homes, some get back to portions of the district already recovered.

There seems no reason to doubt that the troops have been successful on the west and south of the district, and that the Communists have been defeated and forced to retire. The campaign is, however, far from complete. For one thing, the Communists have their hill-fortresses to which to retire, and where they claim to have ample ammunition and supplies. For another, they are still unbroken on the east of the district.

Although Luk-fung is reported taken, and the seaborne is watched by the Navy, yet the Communists are strong enough to have retaken Lung-kang and to have surrounded the district city of Hai-Lai, whose defending troops are sending appeals for reinforcement. There may, however, be a plan of campaign to round them up in the Hai-Lai region, having driven them from Hai-Luk Fung proper.

Whilst other refugees were returning to places further away from Swatow, those from two villages only a day's journey away, over the inland water south of Chaoyang, said that they could not go. They had been warned to leave their villages empty, as it was expected that the main battle would take place there. This may be based on speculation, but it would fit in with the course of the campaign so far.—Our Own Correspondent.

## ACTIONS BY MR. L. E. HAYNES.

## TWO MENTIONED IN SUMMARY COURT.

The name of Mr. L. E. Haynes was mentioned in two Summary Court cases which came before Mr. Justice Wood this morning for the fixing of dates. In one case Mr. Haynes, as attorney, sued Messrs. Arculli Bros. for the sum of \$500.

When the plaintiff's name was called he did not appear, and Mr. E. J. Arculli, who appeared for the defendants, asked for the case to be struck out.

His Lordship accordingly struck the case out.

In another case, Mr. Haynes sued Mr. N. I. Brewer for \$1,000. Mr. Brewer appeared in Court but Mr. Haynes was absent.

His Lordship handed a letter to Mr. Brewer which the latter read. Mr. Brewer then said he wished to make an application for pleadings.

His Lordship:—I would not like to do anything in the absence of the plaintiff.

Mr. Brewer:—If I could get my application for pleadings put through, it may save my returning here again.

His Lordship replied that he did not want to hear Mr. Brewer on the application.

Mr. Brewer said it would be wasting a lot of his time to come to Court again.

His Lordship replied that in view of the letter he thought he had better allow the plaintiff one week, or maybe, two. That adjournment would give the plaintiff plenty of time.

Mr. Brewer:—The whole point is that it means my coming here again, and if I could place my views before you—

His Lordship:—I cannot hear you now. One week or two?

Mr. Brewer:—Two weeks, my Lord. I think it will probably be settled.

His Lordship:—All right. I will adjourn it for two weeks.

## "MY BEST GIRL."

## MARY PICKFORD AT THE QUEEN'S.

Mary Pickford, universal film favourite, makes a very welcome reappearance at the Queen's Theatre with the screening of "My Best Girl," shown for the first time yesterday.

The film is refreshing and amusing, being of the best type of comedy. The theme is somewhat conventional, dealing with a shop-girl who falls in love with the son of the rich store-owner, though unaware of his identity, but it is extremely well handled. There are some very funny incidents, especially in the girl's home. These are, indeed, the most amusing of this type we have seen for a long time.

Mary Pickford is her old delightful self in "My Best Girl," her acting throughout being admirable. She is well supported by a very strong cast, in which Charlie Rogers, the new young star, figures prominently. The film is, most decidedly, worth seeing.

## NEW CAPITAL FOR ELECTRIC CO.

APPROVED AT TO-DAY'S MEETING.

MARKED INCREASE IN NUMBER OF CONSUMERS.

## CHEAP LIGHT RATES.

At to-day's shareholders' meeting of the Hongkong Electric Company, Ltd., the Chairman (Mr. Gordon Mackie) referred to the proposed issue of bonus shares, in the proportion of one to every two held, and an extraordinary meeting subsequently held approved of the increase in subscribed capital to six million dollars necessitated thereby.

It was also stated that the sale of current last year was over 27½ millions units, an increase of 11 per cent., whilst consumers had increased by 1,905 to 28,420.

Further announcements were that the rate of lighting charges was now 40 per cent. below that of 1914, and that it was hoped to complete the extension of the North Point generating plant without calling upon shareholders for new capital in the immediate future.

## Chairman's Speech.

The Manager having read the notice convening the meeting, The Chairman said:—Gentlemen,—With your permission, we will take the report and statement of accounts as read. The net profit for 1927, after deducting \$464,200 for depreciation, is \$1,474,221.29 and with the sum of \$33,204.57 brought forward from last account, we have \$1,507,425.86 for appropriation. With this we propose to pay a dividend of \$2.50 per share, absorbing \$750,000; to place to reserve, \$700,000; to carry forward to next account, \$57,425.86. The dividend is the same as for the three preceding years. The amount placed to reserve is \$200,000 more than in 1926.

## Bonus Shares.

For many years it has been the policy of the Company to set aside annually, to reserve, amounts which have been expended in extensions of the plant to meet the increasing demand for electricity. Some return is obviously due to shareholders in respect of such reserves, and your Directors now think that in order to give effect to this we should capitalise \$1,500,000 of the Fund and declare a bonus equal to this amount to be satisfied by the issue of 150,000 new shares in the proportion of one for every two in the Company. These shares to be issued on 1st July, 1928, and to bear interest from that date and in all other respects to rank with the existing shares.

Such a scheme requires your authority to make the necessary increase in the capital, and at a meeting to follow this, we shall ask permission to increase the subscribed capital to \$6,000,000, which will allow us to make the proposed issue of bonus shares and leave a balance of 150,000 shares unissued. We have thought it advisable to make this provision for a further issue at some future date.

## Lighting Charges.

The sales of current in 1927 amounted to just over 27½ million units, an increase of 11% on 1926, and the number of consumers has increased by 1,905 to a total of 28,420. No change has been made in our charging rates during the year, and the average price obtained has consequently been practically the same as in 1926.

Our rate for lighting is now 40% below that of 1914, and from recent inquiries in England and America we believe that our charging rates compare favourably with those in other places, and that our constituents have reason to be satisfied in this respect.

Bad debts, you will notice, stand at \$11,955.53, as compared with \$38,706.32 in 1926 and \$31,159.43 in 1925. This reduction is due to the fact that since 1925 we have asked nearly all consumers for cash deposits to cover their liability to the Company. This has been the custom for many years with other supply authorities in the East. Few, if any, public services here are rendered on credit, and I see no reason why electricity should be an exception.

In the accounts, consumers' deposits stand at \$306,816 and of this amount shown under the heading of sundry debtors \$386,000 was due to the Company for electricity supplied to consumers.

The total of the consumers' deposits is, therefore, less than the amount due the Company and as interest is paid on all deposits of \$50 or more, we think that our

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## NANKING ARMY ACTIVE.

ANHUI REPORTED TO BE IN OPPOSITION.

## NO ANTI-FOREIGNISM.

Nanking, Mar. 15.

There is a good deal of military activity here, and the 37th Army has already left for the front.

Reports from Anhui indicate that the feeling at present there is in opposition to Nanking. The Headquarters Staff was due to leave here to-day for the front.

Up to the present there is no news of the movements of Marshal Chiang Kai-shek.

No anti-foreign feeling is being manifested here.—Naval Wireless.

Wuhu, Mar. 15.

Anti-foreignism is apparently non-existent here.

The "Ironsides" are likely to pass through here in the next few days on their way north.—Naval Wireless.

Wuchang, Mar. 15.

Strict martial law is now being enforced here.—Naval Wireless.

Pukow, Mar. 15.

Movements of troops are now taking place in this region.—Naval Wireless.

## THE SUN YAT-SEN ANNIVERSARY.

## HOW IT WAS OBSERVED IN SWATOW.

Swatow, Mar. 13.

Yesterday was observed as a public holiday to mark the third annual commemoration of the death of Dr. Sun Yat-sen. Schools and officials, with representatives of Labour Unions, held a public meeting in the new Tungshan road, and public offices and other centres were decorated.

At the decorated doorways, two lines from Dr. Sun's Last Will were inscribed:—"The Revolution is not yet complete. Comrades must use the utmost energy in pursuing it." Flags were flown at half-mast.

On the other hand, there was no public procession—a vast change from a year ago. Then, the Student Unions were still in the hey-day of their power, and on every occasion, not less than once a week, sometimes more often, processions were held, pamphlets distributed, slogans shouted, and meetings held. Since the purgation of the Party by the expulsion of the Communist element, these methods have been discontinued, to the great advantage of the community, and especially, one would think, to the students' studies.—Our Own Correspondent.

## FOOTBALL FORECAST COMPETITION.

## PRIZE GOES TO KOWLOON CONTESTANT.

Owing to the fact that two of the matches given on last week's Football Forecast coupon were postponed and that two of the remaining ten matches resulted in a draw, there have been comparatively few claims for the prize, although the entry was again high.

Two claims have been received in respect of nine correct forecasts, but in one case an error in the personal particulars must have been made, for in the coupons received by us from this competitor eight correct forecasts is the highest number. The competitor who succeeded in getting nine correct was

Mr. A. C. Gomes,  
492, Nathan Road,  
Kowloon.

and if he will kindly call at this office we shall be pleased to hand him the prize money of \$25.

This week's coupon will be found on another page.

Plans for the British attempt to break the world's height record of 38,800ft., held by Sig. Donati, have undergone drastic revision with a view to increased safety. The machine, a Bristol single-seater, had specially lightened wings, and it was thought that if the pilot temporary lost consciousness through failure of the oxygen supply, the aeroplane might go into a steep dive and tear its wings off. To obviate this danger the machine is now being modified so that it will be automatically stable. Should the pilot of the new machine lose consciousness it will take up a gentle gliding angle and there will be no danger of structural failure. When the pilot comes to on reaching denser air he will be able to take control and land.

## AMERICA FOREIGN POLICY.

MILITARY ALLIANCES CRITICISED.

MR KELLOGG ON UNQUALIFIED TREATIES.

## PEACE MANOEUVRES.

New York, Mar. 15.

The United States peace manoeuvres were commented on by Mr. Frank B. Kellogg speaking at a dinner of the Council of Foreign Relations to-night.

While vigorously advocating an unqualified multilateral anti-war treaty, Mr. Kellogg emphasised that the American Government would not become a party to any agreement which directly or indirectly, expressly or inexpressly was a military alliance.

Neither could the United States, he said, pledge itself in advance to use armed forces against other nations.

Mr. Kellogg does not believe that the peace of the world or of Europe can be assured by military alliance treaties.

## France's Fears.

He hoped that France, which had admitted she could perceive no bar to the conclusion of an unqualified anti-war treaty with the United States alone, would be able to satisfy herself that an equivalent treaty among the principal world powers would be equally consistent with membership of the League of Nations.

Mr. Kellogg pointed out that of the 21 American States represented at the recent Havana Conference, which passed a resolution unqualifiedly condemning war as an instrument of national policy, seventeen were members of the League of Nations.

## Agrees with Sir Austen.

He agreed with Sir Austen Chamberlain in opposing an attempt to define the meaning of aggressor.

Mr. Kellogg concluded by expressing the opinion that the world was making great strides towards the abolition of war as an institution.

He would always support and advocate the conclusion of appropriate treaties for arbitration, conciliation and the renunciation of war.—Reuter's American Service.

## FERRY'S USE OF SYREN.

## FINE FOR NEEDLESS SOUNDING.

At the Marine Court this morning, before Commr. J. B. Newell, D.S.O., R.N., Chan Yau, coxswain of the Star Ferry-launch Golden Star, was charged with using his syren for purposes other than navigation on March 10th. Defendant pleaded not guilty.

Sergeant Goldsmith stated that he was on duty in Police Launch No. 5, on the day in question, but was at the moment standing on the seawall to the eastward of the Star Ferry Wharf. He observed the Golden Star approaching Tsim Tsa Tsui Wharf and when about 150 yards off, she sounded one long blast. At the interval of half a minute, another long blast was sounded and subsequently two blasts at an interval of five seconds. There was no obstruction, as it was a Sunday and there was little traffic in the harbour. A small yacht was passing ahead of the Northern Star, which was, at the moment of the sound signal, picking up passengers at the wharf. It appeared that the syren signal was made as an informatory one to the ferry boat lying alongside the wharf. This evidence was corroborated by the coxswain of the police launch.

Defendant stated that he had used his whistle as a warning to a yacht which was in the vicinity of the wharf.

His Worship pointed out that the sounding of whistles and syrens was governed by the International Collision Regulations, and a "warning" was not correct, unless it complied with those regulations as to an alteration of course.

The defendant was adjudged guilty and a fine of \$5, with the alternative of five days' imprisonment, was inflicted.

## FINER WEATHER PROMISE.

The Royal Observatory weather report states:—The anticyclone has weakened and is now central over South-East Korea. Fresh to moderate monsoon may be expected over the North China Sea.

The forecast till noon to-morrow is:—North-East winds, moderate; overcast at first, finer later.

## SERIOUS RAILWAY OFFENCE.

BOYS PLACE LARGE STONES ON K. C. R. LINE.

## DANGER OF WRECK.

Complaints having been made to the Police by the Kowloon Canton Railway authorities that stones were being continuously placed on the lines at certain parts of the track between the No. 7 and No. 8 Railway Bridges, a special watch was kept by a Chinese detective, and, yesterday, a 14-year old Chinese was arrested in the act of placing a fairly large stone on one of the rails.

The youth was prosecuted by Mr. I. B. Trevor before Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, when, on the defendant admitting the charge, his Worship imposed a fine of \$50.

The defendant said he dropped a cent among the stones on the railway track and in searching for the lost coin he disturbed the stones, some of which fell on the rails. After recovering his copper he forgot to clear the lines.

Mr. Trevor informed his Worship that there had been an epidemic of this offence in that particular locality. If the stones were hard and small they might pass under the cawcatcher and quite probably break the flange, in which case a very serious accident might occur.

After warning the defendant of the danger of his act his Worship imposed a fine of \$50.

## HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW?

## TO-DAY'S QUESTIONS.

The following general knowledge paper has been taken from the Daily Express.

Answers for those who need them will be found on Page 14 of this issue.

- 1 Who was the first person to swim the Straits of Gibraltar?
- 2 When did an English Parliament impose a tax on bachelors and widowers, and on births, marriages, and funerals?
- 3 What king reigns over a population of one hundred Europeans?
- 4 What famous historical document has just been sold to an American collector?
- 5 What world-famous book read by many millions is associated with the date February 2, 1700?
- 6 Which is the least used railway station in the British Empire?
- 7 What ghosts are supposed to haunt Hampton Court Palace?
- 8 What great historical discovery has just been made in connexion with William the Conqueror?
- 9 What bird is declared by nature to have a vocabulary of 300 words?
- 10 What singular discovery is stated to have been made in connexion with a famous writer whose cotemporary was celebrated recently?
- 11 What newspaper has been published daily in Europe for more than 300 years?
- 12 What wonderful news metal is now being produced from waste?

Chicago, Feb. 9. A negro who had been discharged from a packing works took a revolver and, after killing the man he considered to have been responsible for his dismissal, began to shoot at large. Before he himself succumbed to a police bullet he had killed three more men, including two policemen, and wounded two others.

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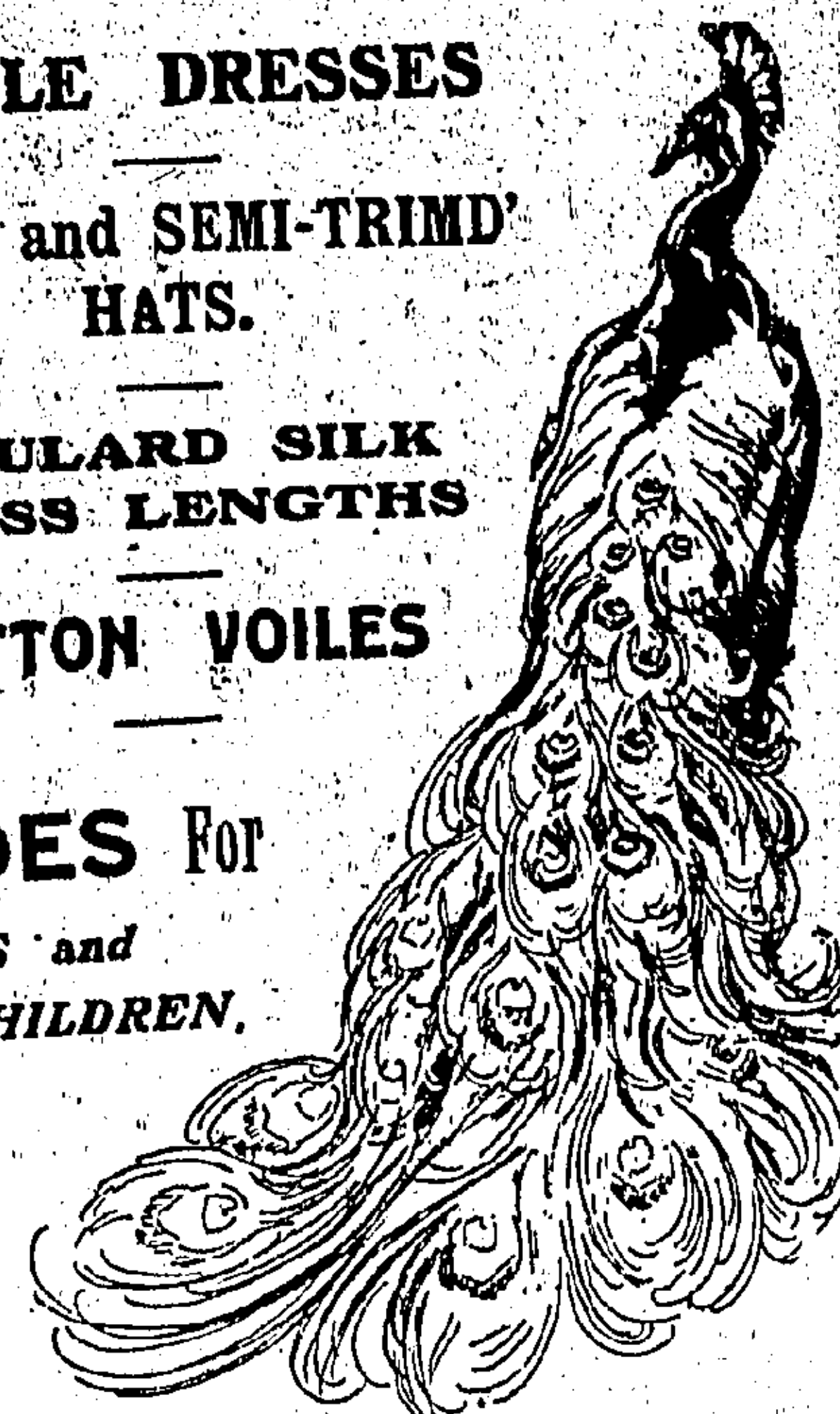
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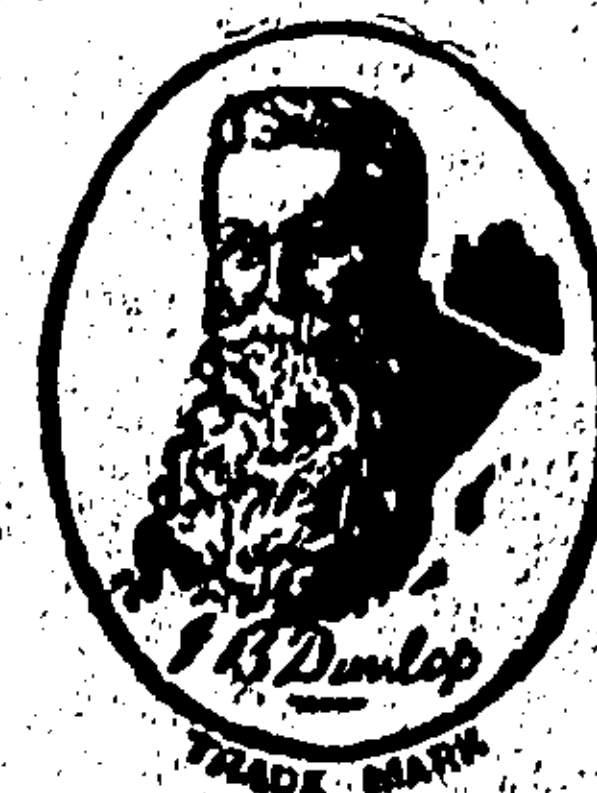
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A verdict of "Death from a gunshot wound self-inflicted while in a state of unsound mind," was recorded at a Loughborough Junction inquest on Albert Louis Colyer, 38, a motor-engineer, who served with distinction in the War, obtained a commission and contracted tuberculosis. The Ministry of Pensions had granted

Colyer had left a note for the Coroner, which read as follows: "As I am suffering from an incurable disease, I intend to-day taking my own life." The Coroner, Mr. A. Douglas Cowburn, who described the case as a very sad one, said that there was no doubt Colyer's complaint was brought on by his War service.



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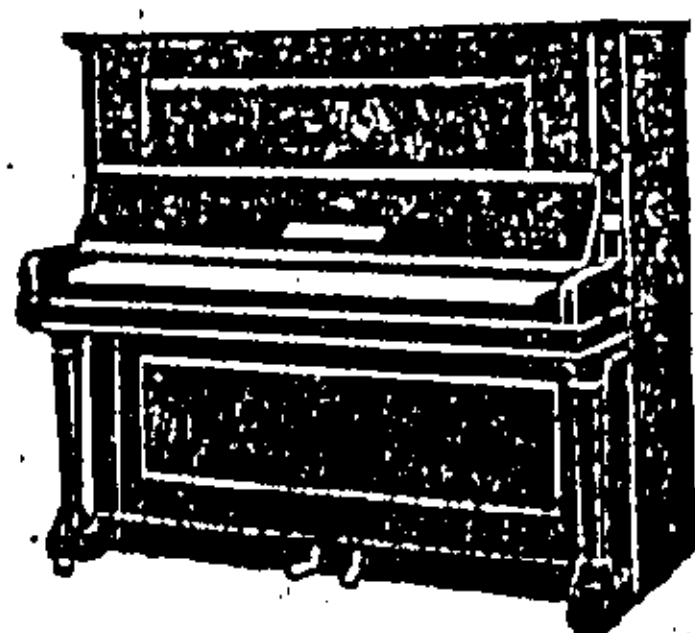
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The Chancellor of the Exchequer has received through Messrs. Baring Brothers and Co. £5 from an anonymous donor to be added to the fund of £500,000 which, as recently announced, has been given for the redemption of the National Debt. Mr. Churchill de-

sires publicly to express the thanks of his Majesty's Government for this gift to the nation and his appreciation of the spirit which has inspired it. Recently the Morning Post announced an anonymous gift of £100 for the same purpose.

## THE WORLD OF SPORT

## THE SHIELD FINAL DATE.

## COUNCIL INVITING CRITICISM?

## SPECIAL KOWLOON REQUEST.

[By "Wanderer"]

It is an unfortunate fact that acrimony enters all too easily into matters connected with football, no matter what part of the world it is played, and it is, therefore, the more necessary that no official body should take action likely to create a suggestion of prejudice against a particular club playing under its control.

The Hongkong Football Association have just laid themselves open to criticism in this respect, though I do not propose to take the onus of suggesting whether or not the criticism is justified.

The facts are these: The Kowloon Football Club who have qualified to meet the Police in the Shield Final will be losing the services of Northey, their principal goal-scorer, on March 28th. With this important factor in view an official request was made to the Association that the Shield final should be played on March 24th, three weeks after the date fixed for the semi-finals and fourteen days after the semi-final replay.

The Kowloon secretary made no bones about the reason for the request, but made it clear that Northey's presence in or absence from the team, was regarded as of prime importance.

At a meeting held on Tuesday evening, when the matter was considered, the Association, in spite of this special request, decided to fix both Shield finals for April 7th, ten days after Northey's departure. It may be noted that no unalterable match was at that time to be played on March 24th, that April 7th is actually five weeks from the semi-final round (as the replay cannot fairly be taken into consideration) and that the interregnum is not consistent with precedent.

In 1924, the final was played on March 16th; in 1925, it was played on March 30th; in 1926 on April 10th, because the semi-final was not played until March 27th; and last year, the semi-final was played on March 12th and the final on April 2nd, an interval of three weeks.

Never before has an interval of five weeks been allowed to lapse and it does appear that in consideration of the two Clubs' keen enthusiasm, which must want to some extent in such a period of relaxation, the final might have been fixed at the earlier date requested. I feel sure the Police would have had no objection to offer.

On these facts, the situation may be judged for itself.

## To-morrow's Games.

The fixture list for to-morrow, together with grounds, times of kick-off and referees appointed, is as follows:

## Senior League.

Recreio v. Club—Recreio, 4.45.—Mr. Barber.  
Chinese Ath. v. K.O.S.B.—Club, 4.45.—Mr. Smith.  
Police v. Queen's—St. Joseph's, 4.45.—Capt. Austin.  
Kowloon v. R.A.—Kowloon, 4.45.—Mr. Gilbert.

## Junior League.

R. A. Res. v. Kowloon—Kowloon, 2.45.—Mr. Willis.  
Recreio v. K.O.S.B.—Recreio, 2.45.—Mr. Stokes.

## Runners-Up Prospects.

Much depends on to-morrow's match between the K.O.S.B. and the Chinese Athletic. At the moment, the K.O.S.B. are best placed for the runners-up position in the League, with the Scots Guards two points behind. If the K.O.S.B. succeed in repeating their Shield success over the league champions, they are logically certain as runners-up but should they lose the position of the two military sides will again be equalised.

The remainder of the matches have little interest, though the display of the Police against the Queen's will be watched closely in view of their future appearance in the Shield final.

## Midweek League Matches.

The following League games will be played on Wednesday, March 21st:—  
Chinese Ath. v. South China—Club ground, 4.45 p.m.—Mr. Baldwin.

## LOCAL CRICKET.

## NAVY WIN OVER ROYAL ARTILLERY.

Playing at Kowloon yesterday, the Navy defeated the Royal Artillery by two wickets. The scores were:

## Royal Artillery.

Mr. Gar. Fogden, c. Sparrow, b. Barclay	39
B. S. M. Bennett, run out	29
Lieut. A. H. Musson, b. Thomson	2
Lieut. R. F. Wright, c. Pelly, b. Hill	0
Gnr. Maddox, b. Hill	0
Lieut. A. R. Miller, c. Pelly, b. Barclay	11
Gnr. Bacon, c. Lugg, b. Thomson	14
Lieut. E. H. Walker, c. Shaw, b. Barclay	1
B. S. M. Broadbridge, c. Sparrow, b. Barclay	4
Lt. Bdr. Gunn, c. Sparrow, b. Barclay	0
Sgt. Glazebrook, not out	4
Extras	6
Total	110

## O. R. W. B. B. M. O.

Sparrow	9	20	0	18	1
Thomson	10	1	35	3	41
Hill	4	22	2	24	1
Lugg	2	14	—	12	—
Barclay	5	13	5	30	—

## Royal Navy.

Barclay, b. Bennett	11
Lugg, c. Fogden, b. Musson	17
Shaw, c. Wright, b. Miller	43
Davies, b. Wright	17
Pelly, c. Wright, b. Musson	1
Abelson, b. Wright	21
Hill, c. Wright, b. Miller	22
Sparrow, c. Miller, b. Wright	16
Genge, not out	4
Green, did not bat	0
Thompson, did not bat	0
Extras	11
Total	147

## O. R. W. B. B. M. O.

Musson	9	29	2	54	1
Bennett	4	32	1	24	1
Wright	8	51	3	51	—
Miller	4	17	2	24	—

A remarkable story of a husband's attempt to starve his wife was told at the Hastings Police Court when Frederick Cooper, a motor mechanic, was fined £1 for cruelty. It was alleged that because his wife kept two theatre tickets she found in his pocket he gave her no food for three weeks. "My husband fed the two children every mealtime—then he locked all the food away in his bedroom," said the wife. "He gave me no money, and when I tried to break into the bedroom he pummelled me." The Chairman: "This is the worst case of kind I have ever heard. Only consideration for her prevents the Magistrates sending you to prison. A separation order was made and Cooper was ordered to pay 50s. a week. Cooper—I shan't pay. I will go to prison."

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Recreio v. Kowloon—Recreio, 4.45 p.m.—Capt. Austin.  
Scots Guards v. Queens—Sookunpoo, 4.45 p.m.—Mr. Smith.

## Lai Wah Cup.

The following arrangements have been made for Lai Wah Cup Competition:—  
March 24—Royal Navy v. Civilian H.K. Club Ground, 4.30 p.m.  
April 6th—Chinese v. Army—H.K. Club Ground, 4.30 p.m.  
April 9th—Final—H.K. Club Ground, 4.30 p.m.

## Charity Match.

The following have been selected to represent the "Test of the Colony" against "The Army" on March 31st. Kick off at 4.30 p.m. sharp.  
Clark, (Capt.); Wynne, Bishop; Leung Yuk Tong, McKelvie, Lam Yuk Ying; Tao Kwai Shing, Rocha, Gosano, Suen Kam Suen and Chan Kwong Lu.  
Reserves—Wheeler, McBride, Pau Ka Ping and Howarth.  
White shirts will be provided at H.K. Football Club house. Proceeds from this game will be in aid of the Army Branch of Ministering Children's League.

## Kowloon Teams.

The following teams have been selected to represent the Kowloon Football Club in their league matches to-morrow:—  
Angus; Wheeler, Dodds; Hodrick, Sims, McKelvie; Reed; Kernick; Northey, Muir and Miles.  
Reserve: Vickars.  
2nd Division—Wood; Guest, Eastman; Roberts, Bliss Dunnett; Pile, Clark, Tiernan, Cones, and Blacklock. Reserves: Hast, Sookunpoo ground on Saturday Nicholls.

## OUR FOOTBALL COMPETITION.

## PRIZE OF \$50 WEEKLY.

The "Hongkong Telegraph" offers a prize of \$50 to the readers who send in twelve correct forecasts of the results of the English and Scottish League matches (to be played on Saturday next, March 17th) set out in the Coupon below. No goal scores are required; only forecasts showing wins or draws.

In the event of no reader forecasting all twelve matches, a prize of \$25 will be given to the reader who sends in the greatest number of correct forecasts; and in the event of two or more readers sending in an equal high number, the prize of \$25 will be divided.

The competition is in accordance with the rules published in the Telegraph during the weeks August 23—September 24.

## "HONGKONG TELEGRAPH" FORECAST COMPETITION.

Matches to be played on March 17th.

DIVISION I.	
Kury	v. Wednesday.
Derby	v. Huddersfield.
Leicester	v. Everton.
West Ham	v. Tottenham.

DIVISION II.	
Barnsley	v. West Brom. A.
Swansea	v. Chelsea.

DIVISION III.	
Coventry	v. Brighton.
Watford	v. Millwall.
Walsall	v. Northants.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.	
Bo'ness	v. Aberdeen.
Hibernians	v. Rangers.
Dunfermline	v. Clyde.

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Hibernians	v. Rangers.
Dunfermline	v. Clyde.

## THE MIRACLE OF FASCISM.

## SIGNOR MUSSOLINI ON HIS WORK.

Signor Mussolini describes with justifiable pride the part which he played in the regeneration of Italy in an interview published in the Paris-Midi. "We were like the pilot at the wheel during a storm. The whole crew had their eyes fixed upon us. We had to conquer or die. We conquered," he declared. After six years, the Duke pointed out, people still placed their confidence in him. That was the miracle of Fascism.

Turning to Franco-Italian relations, the Duke mentioned that at one time people went so far as to imagine that Italy was preparing some kind of armed enterprise against the South-East of France. "Pure foolishness," was Signor Mussolini's comment, and he added that, quite apart from ethical and historical reasons, such an adventure would be nothing less than mutual suicide. He believed that the conversations at present in progress between France and Italy would meet with assured and easy success.

## BILLIARD TOURNNEY.

## LIST OF THE INTERPORT FIXTURES.

Full arrangements have now been made for the Interport billiards contests between Hongkong and Shanghai Portuguese players. The Shanghai men tried out the table at the Club Lusitano last night, and were favourably impressed with it.

In trial matches last week Mr. H. da Luz, (Hongkong's No. 2) made a break of 126, while C. F. Vas made 118.

The matches arranged are as follows:

Monday, March 19th at 6 p.m.—J. Medina (Shanghai) v. L. A. Osmund.

Tuesday, March 20th at 6 p.m.—A. A. Silva (Shanghai) v. C. F. Vas.

Wednesday, March 21st at 6 p.m.—A. A. Sousa (Shanghai) v. R. F. Luz.

Wednesday, March 21st at 9 p.m.—L. R. Barrera (Shanghai) v. F. M. Cruz.

Thursday, March 22nd at 6 p.m.—F. A. Alvares (Shanghai) v. H. da Luz.

Friday, March 23rd at 6 p.m.—G. M. Remedios (Shanghai) v. A. J. Osmund (Hongkong Capt.).

A special exhibition match has also been arranged between Mr. E. Bush and Mr. A. J. Osmund, for Tuesday, March 20th, at 9.15 p.m.

Mr. Bush is quite an attractive player to watch, being a good exponent of the "all round" game, and his play is particularly adapted to an exhibition match. He was once runner-up in the Shanghai Billiards Championship, and his match with Osmund should be well worth watching.

All the above games will be played at the Club Lusitano.

## FROZEN TO DEATH ON ETNA.

## TRAGEDY OF A TOURING PARTY.

Rome, Feb. 8.

From Catania, a town at the base of Mount Etna, comes the story of a mountain climber frozen to death and two others frostbitten to the extent of necessitating amputations, while on the edge of the fire-filled crevasses of the volcano.

A band of 14 members of a Fascist Touring Society, known as "Succino," set out to climb Etna last Thursday evening, and reached without undue fatigue the refuge of Cantoniere, 6,000ft. up. On restarting the party was surprised by a violent wind and hail storm, which grew to hurricane force. It was a terrible scene of the storm that has recently swept over Southern Italy. All were in distress as a result of the freezing wind, which alternated with gaseous blasts from the volcano, and finally one 16-year-old student collapsed with cold and disappeared in a snow cleft.

After struggling back to the Cantoniere refuge, where they discovered that several students were seriously frostbitten, two having to submit to the immediate amputation of fingers and toes, three students set out with a guide to find their lost comrade; but the search was in vain, and, as the youth had undoubtedly succumbed to cold, they were forced to return to the village of Nicolose.

The next day the authorities organised a search party, but without success, and now the Alpine Club is hastily organising a search party.

## SWINDLING UP TO DATE.

## WIRELESS FRAUDS ON BOOKMAKERS.

The Hamburg police have just discovered an ingenious swindle for defrauding bookmakers by means of wireless. Three men have been arrested, and the band to which they belonged is declared to have had adherents in Berlin and six or eight other large German cities.

In Hamburg they had a three-valve receiving set with which they intercepted and deciphered Morse messages giving the results of races, principally from French racecourses.

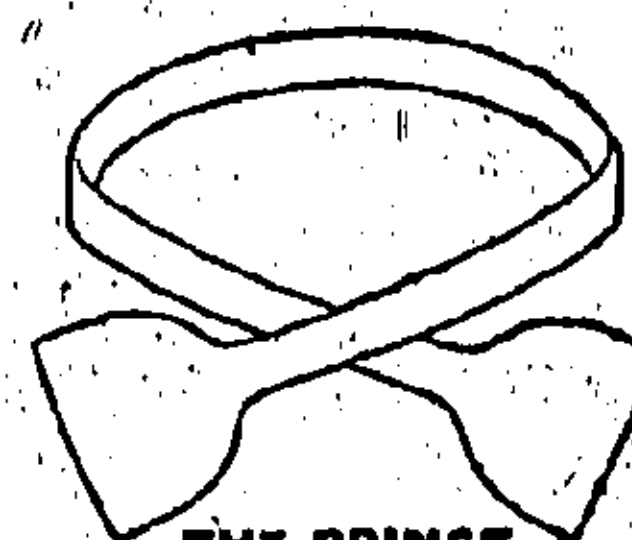
From the window of their room they transformed this information into accomplices in the streets by hand signs or calls. The accomplices, having thus become aware of the result ten minutes before the bookmakers, were able to hasten to the bookmakers and lay their bets with absolute certainty of winning.

Thirty Hamburg bookmakers have lost considerable sums for some time past in this way. Several of them, it appears, have only themselves to blame for their losses as they frequently accepted late bets after the betting should have been declared closed.

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## MR. BRIDGEMAN HITS OUT.

## REBUKE TO SIR HERBERT SAMUEL.

A vigorous attack on Sir Herbert Samuel and other Liberal critics of naval policy was made by the First Lord of the Admiralty at the Constitutional Club in the middle of last month.

"Sir Herbert Samuel has self-complacently suggested," said Mr. Bridgeman, "that if only he had been at Geneva there would have been no disagreement. Well, any fool could say that. I think it was rather cheap, for an ex-Cabinet Minister to be satisfied by making an assertion of that kind without telling us how he would have done better."

"The Liberal Party is trying to make out that what we did at Geneva is going to produce war. In fact the result of the discussions at Geneva has had no serious effect whatever. It has only shown the world what our requirements are. We parted, each of us, more ready to understand the requirements of the other."

There was no reason, Mr. Bridgeman continued, to be perturbed by the American Building programme. Just as this country was determined, by habit, tradition, and policy, on peace with the whole world, so the American people was seeking peace.

Abolition of Submarines. "We are prepared (he added) to go further in the cause of disarmament if other countries will do the same. But I do not imagine that anyone who has considered the question will say that a weak British Navy will promote the peace of the world. In the meantime, if Sir Herbert Samuel and the Liberal Party want to render good service to their country, they must first stop trying to discredit it in the eyes of the world."

Replying to a question as to the proposal put forward by America to abolish submarines, Mr. Bridgeman said that the proposal was first mooted by Lord Balfour at the Washington Conference. "Of course we stand by the proposals that we made then," he said, "and we shall be very glad to return to them, if other countries have been converted, and submarines can be abolished altogether."

Sir Herbert Samuel stated afterwards that he did not propose to pay any attention to Mr. Bridgeman's speech, "which does not observe the ordinary rules of courtesy."

Representatives of the music-hall and the theatre, including Mr. Harry Randall and Mr. Harry Masters, attended the funeral of Little Fitch at Marylebone Cemetery, Finchley.

The Order of the White Lion of Czechoslovakia has been bestowed on Mr. Charles Henry Fisher, a member of the firm of J. Fisher, Ltd.



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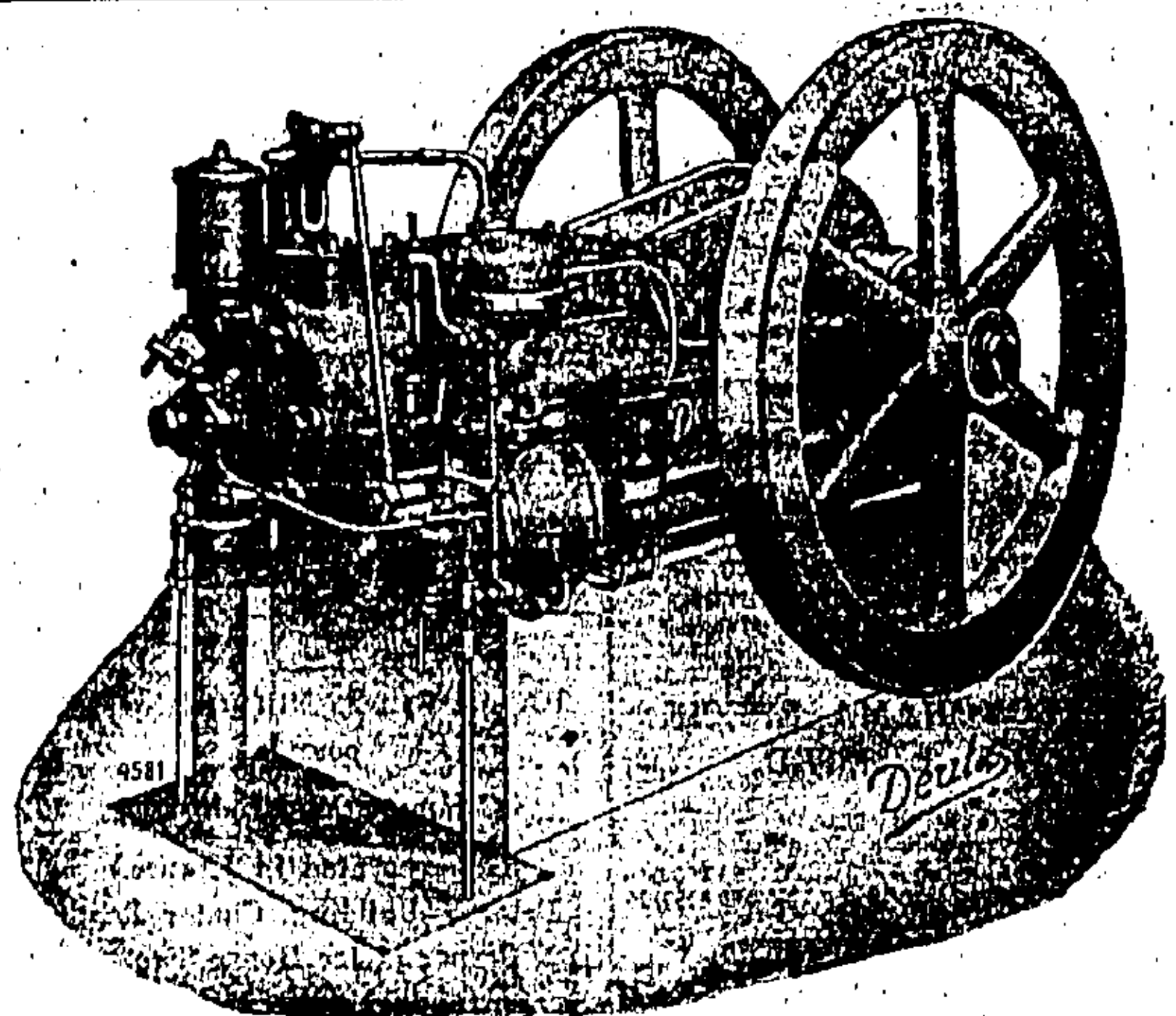
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### TANGIER QUESTIONS.

### FOUR-POWER CONFERENCE POSTPONED.

London, Mar. 15.  
The Tangier Conference, at which France, Spain, Italy, and

Britain will confer, and which was originally fixed for to-day, has been postponed till Tuesday.  
The Conference will review the Franco-Spanish agreement, and will consider outstanding questions regarding the administration of Tangier.—British Wireless.

### CLERK GAOLED.

#### ELOQUENT PLEA PROVES UNAVAILING.

Appearing before Major C. Willson yesterday afternoon, on six counts of fraud and false entries, Pau Tat-shing, alias "Pau Ng-chung," a clerk of Queen's College, was sentenced to three months' hard labour.

The charges, related to making false entries in respect of sums of \$135, \$170 and \$55 on various dates. Alternative charges of submitting false vouchers were brought by the prosecution, represented by Mr. C. G. Perdue, A.S.P.

The youth was defended by Mr. Leo D'Almada e Castro, who, on being invited by his Worship to speak, pleaded guilty to all charges on behalf of the defendant. In doing so he pointed out to his Worship that although there were six charges against the defendant, actually they arose out of three cases. Mr. Perdue had said at a previous hearing that the charges were of very serious nature, but he (Mr. D'Almada) wanted to bring certain facts before his Worship regarding the defendant himself.

The defendant had been a student in Queen's College and it was in consequence of his fine record that he was made a clerk in the school. Regarding the charges, Mr. D'Almada said that the defendant now made a clean breast of it, despite the fact that he originally laid the blame on another party, who was employed by the Education Department and who was no longer in the Colony.

#### Restitution Promised.

Mr. D'Almada then informed his Worship that the relatives of the defendant had authorised him to say that they would make restitution of every cent that was taken, and Mr. D'Almada himself personally gave the undertaking that such restitution would be made.

Pleading that, in view of the restitution, his Worship should not send the defendant to gaol, Mr. D'Almada said: "He is in this position before you, pleading guilty to most serious offences. Mr. Perdue has told me that having made restitution they will not press the charge. Under the circumstances I don't know if your Worship will think it wise to send him to gaol or to punish him in some other way. Unless there should be anything else against the defendant I ask your Worship to bind him over to come up for judgment whenever called upon to do so. He has made a clean breast of it and as soon as I was instructed I made a clean breast of it to the prosecution, and here we are, and I am making the same clean breast of it before your Worship. He is very penitent about it and I ask your Worship not to mete out such punishment as will force him to mix up with criminals of the worst nature as we must find in the Victoria Gaol."

Mr. D'Almada concluded by pointing out that the defendant was a young man and succumbed to temptation. He reminded his Worship that Mr. Perdue did not wish to be harsh on the defendant.

Mr. Perdue addressing his Worship said that it was pleasing to note that restitution had been made, but he could not help pointing out that the offences were very serious in their nature as they extended from June last year to January this year and involved \$360. That was not the worst feature of the offence, which, said Mr. Perdue, involved obtaining money by false pretences. False chops were used to show a receipt by a carpenter's firm.

#### Imprisonment Required.

His Worship at this point agreed with Mr. Perdue that there were really three transactions on which the defendant could be charged.

Mr. Perdue continuing said that he might have stated that he did not wish to press the charge but he did not mean that he considered imprisonment was not required in the case. The nature of the offence was such that it could not possibly be met by a fine. Regarding the restitution which defendant's relatives were prepared to make, Mr. Perdue said that that certainly showed a certain amount of repentance.

Mr. D'Almada once again asked his Worship to accept the young man's plea that it was a lapse which came in the way of temptation to a good many young men. He reminded his Worship that by sending the young man to gaol, he was bound to associate with criminals and in that way imprisonment would only mean breeding one more criminal.

Major Willson: This case cannot be met by a fine and the least sentence I can pass is one month's hard labour on each of the three original charges.

Besides Mr. Perdue, who prosecuted, there were in Court Mr. A. E. Wood, Director of Education, and Mr. A. H. Crook, Headmaster of Queen's College.

The aspen is the name of a tree that is often preceded by the adjective "trembling."

### PARTNERSHIP DEBT.

#### JUDGMENT DELIVERED IN RECENT CASE.

In the Summary Court yesterday afternoon Mr. Justice Wood delivered judgment in the case in which Lang Quock-lang, 5 Gresson street, sued Tam Wah-dong, c/o. The China Rubber Tyre Company, 74 Praya East, for the sum of \$500 in respect of a partnership debt. The defendant counterclaimed for \$259, his claim arising out of the same matter.

Mr. H. C. Maenamar was for the plaintiff and Mr. M. K. Lo conducted the case for the defendant.

The facts of the case are contained in his Lordship's judgment which follows.

His Lordship said: These parties were partners together in the "China Rubber Company." On January 8, having decided to dissolve partnership, they attended together at the office of Messrs. Lo and Lo, solicitors, where they interviewed Mr. Horace Lo. The partnership accounts were agreed, but the terms of dissolution were not then agreed. On the following day, they again attended. A discussion ensued and agreement was reached. The principal obstacle to agreement was the inclusion in the arrangement of an admitted debt owing from the partnership to the plaintiff, amounting to \$784.

Contract Signed. Finally, on joint instructions of the parties, a formal contract was drawn up, which they signed. Under it an auction was to be held by the solicitor at which the firm was to be transferred to the highest bidder. The consideration for the sale was to be half the highest bid to be paid subject to the deduction of the debt mentioned above. The auction took place. The defendant was declared to be the successful bidder. The price calculated according to the agreement, viz: \$3,258, was paid by the defendant and accepted by the plaintiff.

At this juncture the plaintiff asked to be paid also in addition the amount of the partnership debt before-mentioned. I can quite understand that this demand was made in entire good faith. The conversation had been conducted in the English language. Both parties have given evidence in English. It was evidence that neither had a really competent

### MOSCOW'S SPIES.

#### SENTENCED AT SECRET TRIAL IN PARIS.

Paris, Mar. 15.  
At an espionage trial held in camera, thirteen persons, including a number of French soldiers were charged with supplying Soviet agents with military information.

Roujevsky, an ex-employee of the Revenue Department, and Made-moiselle Claret, secretary to a Communist municipal councillor, were each sentenced to five years' imprisonment and ten years' "interdiction de séjour." The woman has not been yet arrested.

Other prisoners were sentenced to varying terms from six months to four years, with fines. The judgment states:—"The trial again reveals the audacious and French espionage plan conceived by the Third Moscow International, and confirms that the delicate organisms of French national defences are placed in the greatest peril."—Reuter.

### ARMS TRAFFIC.

#### ARRESTS IN JAPAN.

Tokyo, Mar. 15.  
Four men have been arrested at Osaka, near Nagoya, while attempting to smuggle 20,000 rifles and 200,000 rounds of ammunition to Shanghai.—Reuter.

grasp of the language. The plaintiff's demand was refused.

Plaintiff Falls.

He here sues upon this contract, affirming it and founding his action upon it. His claim is for a portion of this sum. His solicitor has submitted on his behalf that the purchaser under the agreement undertook by clause 2 of its provisions to take over the liabilities of the firm, including this debt due from the partnership to the plaintiff. It appears, however, that this item, has been specially contemplated in fixing the purchase price. Also, the clause in the agreement, which indemnifies the vendor against the firm's debts, becomes meaningless if regarded as applicable to this particular debt. In my view, the plaintiff cannot here succeed.

My judgment on the claim is for the defendant, with costs. I also give judgment on the counterclaim for the defendant (plaintiff in the counter-claim) for \$259 and costs.

### OUR DAILY TALK ON HEALTH.

#### VALUABLE HINTS TO GOLFERS.

#### AUTO-SUGGESTION.

A frequent subject for debate in the locker room or at the nineteenth hole is the type of mind that is best for golf. Some insist that the dull, unimaginative mind prevents erratic shots, claiming also that undue sensitiveness and intelligence tend to mitigate efficiency.

Dr. Theodore B. Hyslop, British neurologist and a leading golfer, asserts that the latter type is more productive of brilliance than the former, particularly when the individual player schools himself to overcome incidental and temperamental variations.

Human beings react differently to various situations. Most of us follow ordinarily the line of least resistance. The natural way to act is usually the most economical way from the physical and mental point of view. Therefore, Dr. Hyslop believes that the instructor will cultivate the pupil's natural processes and not try to stultify his natural reactions.

Many of our relations seem to be inherited as a part of our mental processes. There seems to be such a thing as a born golfer. What is good for the average golfer who plays from ninety to one hundred may be bad for the super-golfer who is usually in the low seventies, and at worst near to eighty.

As Dr. Hyslop points out, the selection of clubs may be an indication of the nature of the golfer's cranium. Some golfers acquire an intimate and friendly knowledge of a few clubs; others, through obsessions of fear and timidity, make many acquaintances but few friends. It is better to know three clubs well than a dozen slightly.

#### The Visiting Dub.

The player who is a supergolfer on his own links and a dub when visiting elsewhere is not an unfamiliar figure. The visit is a test of his ability to react to a strange environment, his ability to judge distance, and his emotional nature generally. True efficiency is able to respond satisfactorily under any conditions.

The psychological hazard or mental handicap unquestionably exists in golf. It is only necessary to point out to some golfers the presence of a narrow ditch

### NORTH AND SOUTH CHINA.

#### COMMON AIMS ON TREATIES.

Peking, Mar. 15.  
Chinese circles state that while the Peking authorities are pushing on the tariff autonomy question, the Nanking Government is doing little towards enforcement of autonomy next year; hence they suggest the Government have reached an agreement on the matter, whereby the North will be left to settle the tariff question with the Powers.

The North and South are also believed now to hold similar views on treaty revision, both apparently favouring gradual revision by peaceful means.

In view of the agreement on these points, and the elimination of the Reds and extremists, a growing number are asking what further grounds for war exist between North and South, and are of opinion that as such negotiations progress, an armistice should become more and more possible, especially if fighting in the spring proves indecisive, as is generally anticipated.—Reuter.

Seven out of the ten women who hold office as lord mayor and mayor this year have joined the National Council of the Queen Charlotte's Hospital Mother-Saving Campaign.

ifty feet from the tee to have them drop the ball squarely in the ditch as though they had aimed for it.

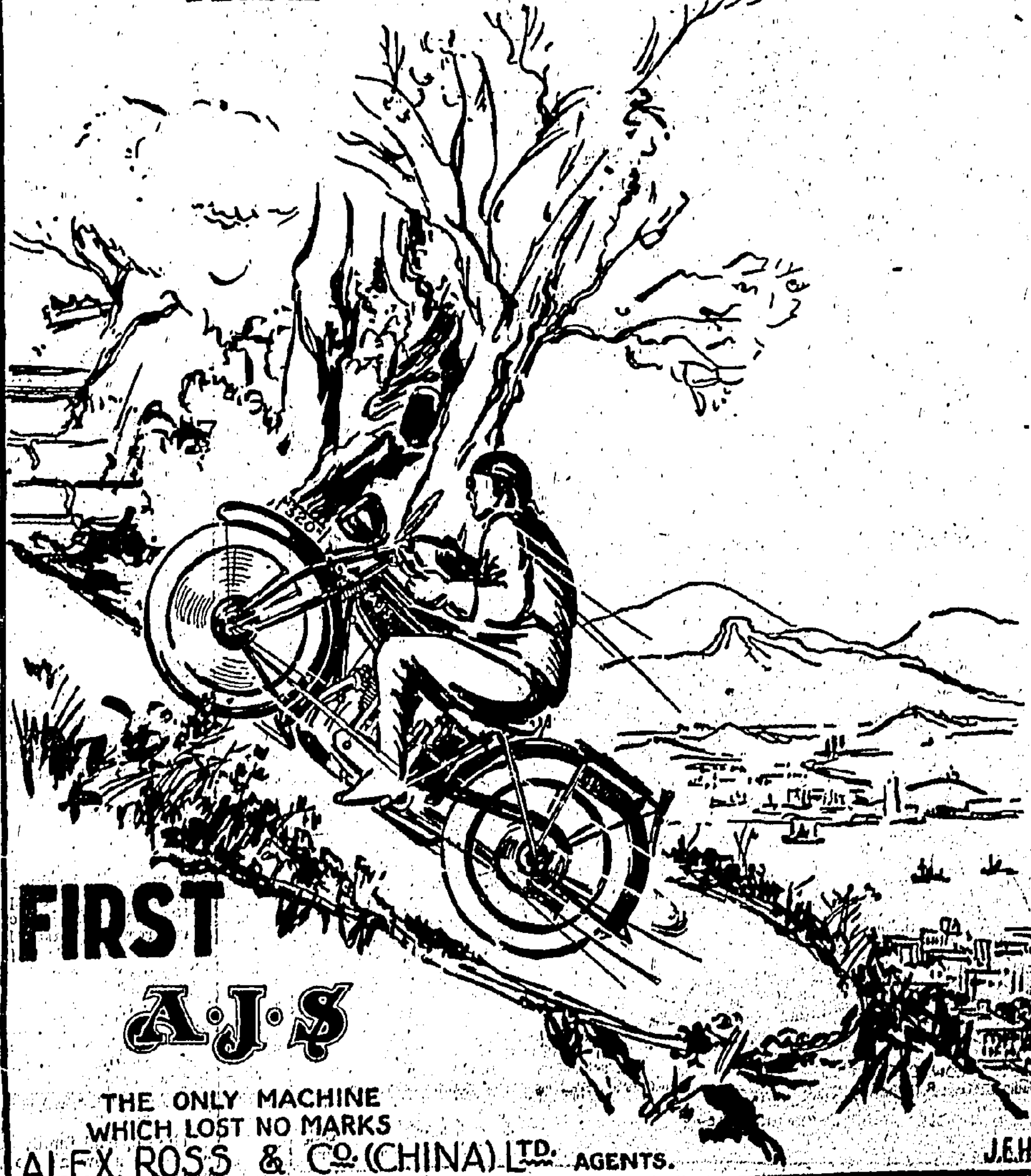
This is the power of suggestion that forms the basis of all of the faith-healing cults that have existed since the beginning of time. This power of suggestion is equally responsible for creating in some people a belief in the presence of disease that does not actually exist.

#### Auto-Suggestion.

It is possible to overcome a mental hazard by auto-suggestion, as was suggested indeed by the late but not too much lamented Coue. Every man starts his game with a potential mental handicap. Far more depends on the brain one brings to the links, the courts, or the business office than on the things which occur there.

The real test of mental efficiency, as emphasized by Dr. Hyslop, is one of balance, and of the relative-ities of judgment, feeling and control.

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# THE METAL BOX

By THOMAS COBB.

(Author of "False Pretences," "Mrs. Pomeroy's Reputation," etc.)

## CHAPTER XVI.

## THE INDIGNATION OF THERESA.

At twelve o'clock on Tuesday, Theresa Feversham was in tears, a painful ordeal for her. The instant she saw his face, she knew something had gone wrong, though she little imagined what. She had been talking to Elias Feversham and one of his friends when Foster reached the hotel, and alone with him ten minutes later, after her uncle had gone out, she was asked whether they could not talk in some less public place.

Going to the bureau, not without a sense of embarrassment, she asked for the temporary use of a private room, and was conducted to one by a dapper page, on the first floor; a slip of a room, adjoining the drawing-room. There, without hearing about the bush, Foster told her what had taken place the previous day at Park Lane.

His statement was accepted without demur. She made no attempt to question that Lady Parkinson's jewels had been insured, but covering her face with her hands, broke into rare tears. Watching her palpitating body, he felt more distressed than even before, longing more than anything to take her in his arms.

"So it comes to this," she cried, lowering her hands presently. "Instead of helping Everard to perform a righteous action, I was actually assisting in the means of frauds."

"But you had no suspicion—" "How do you know?" she demanded, flinging out her arms in desperation. "How do you know I wasn't as bad as Everard? That I wasn't in the—swindle?"

"Because I happen to know you," said Foster, but she laughed in scorn.

"You thought you knew me before," she insisted. "How can you tell? I may have been aiding and abetting him. You can't feel perfectly certain. It's inevitable there should be a doubt in your mind. This suspicion is bound to occur to you. You will ask yourself—is she what I thought that odious morning at Treadwell Mansion? After all, you will tell yourself, I've only her own word."

"That stands before everything," Foster assured her. "Your word is indisputable, but, frankly, he added, 'I don't trust Parkinson an inch. He went to Baynton Crescent on the Monday before the murder. How do I know he wasn't there on the actual night?'"

"You're—you're never insinuating that—that he killed Miss Croom?" she cried, with an expression of consternation.

"There's a case for inquiry, anyhow," said Foster. "I see now that I ought to have told you about the contents of the box at once. Knowing what I do now about Parkinson, how can I keep quiet any longer? And even if I do, it's probable Monica Hallton won't."

Theresa stood with her lip drawn in between her small, even teeth. She ought not, Foster told himself, to be mixed up in such a squalid affair. The part did not suit her. Her low, wide forehead was full of wrinkles as she looked up into his face.

"Dr. Markwell," she said, "Everard had nothing to do with Miss Croom's death. He behaved abominably. I shall never forgive him. But he's not capable of striking a woman, to say nothing of murdering her."

Foster felt that she wished him to go. She would feel embarrassed if Elias Feversham should return to find her closeted with himself, and now he held out his hand, leaving her in the private room, with a suspicion that her tears would break forth again the instant she was alone. At luncheon, Elias Feversham wondered what in the world had been happening during his absence. Her eyes looked red, her tongue was tied. As soon as he rose from the table, she insisted that she had an engagement, and less than a quarter of an hour later, left the hotel.

She could not rest till she had seen Everard, told him he was found out, heard where he had spent the evening of Thursday, the Tenth. She had declared that he had nothing to do with that horrible crime, but nevertheless longed for evidence of his innocence. She had never entered Cliff Street before, but the matter was too urgent to permit of ceremony. She understood that economy led him to lunch in his rooms, but if he were not at home, she would try again during the afternoon.

He lodged on a second floor over a discreet-looking chemist's shop, and on ringing the bell at the private door, it was opened by a neatly-dressed girl who did not

look more than seventeen. The front room was furnished in a heavy, old-fashioned style, and the luncheon things were still on the table.

"Good Lord, Theresa!" exclaimed Everard, rising abruptly from an easy chair, obviously astounded. "What the dickens is up?"

"I guessed you might feel interested to hear," she retorted, "that Dr. Markwell took the box of jewels to your people yesterday afternoon. You're not going to deny that you knew they were insured?"

He made a valiant effort to carry it off bravely, and appearances were in his favour. His brilliantly red hair gave him almost distinction, and a natural tendency to swagger suited the occasion.

"What's the good," he cried with a laugh, "if you know?"

"You lied to me," she persisted. "You allowed me to help in what was actually a crime. You never intended to give the wretched things back to Lady Parkinson!"

"Oh, come, old thing, what's the use of piling it up?" he asked. "Sit down and have a cigarette."

"You have robbed me of every shred of self-respect," she retorted. "And why didn't you tell me you had seen Miss Croom?"

"What had that to do with it? A cat may look at a king, you know."

"How many times did you go to Baynton Crescent?" demanded Theresa.

"Only once," he answered, more gravely. "I never went near the bally place again."

"Did you say what the box contained?"

It suddenly occurred to her that he had grown nervous since Miss Croom's name was mentioned. His face looked paler, and taking out a folded handkerchief, he seemed to be surreptitiously wiping his palms.

"If you want to know," he returned, "I said I was a pal of Hill-yard's, that I had run up against him in New York, and been asked to get the box and post it to him there. But the old woman wasn't taking any, and if she hadn't been doing in a few days later, I should simply have turned it up."

"Everard," said Theresa, "where were you that Thursday evening?"

"I dined at the Criterion," he answered promptly.

"What time did you leave there?"

"A little after nine—"

"Where did you go afterwards?" Theresa demanded.

He hesitated now.

"To the Alhambra," he said at last.

"Did you meet anybody you knew?"

"Look here, Theresa," he exclaimed, "what the deuce are you driving at? Do you think I killed the woman?"

"Dr. Markwell may," she answered significantly, and saw his excess of excitement.

"Why should he? said Everard. 'I wasn't near Haverstock Hill.'"

"No doubt," murmured Theresa, "the police will soon be able to satisfy themselves you were not."

"The police!" shouted Everard, suddenly losing his self-control.

"I have not the slightest doubt," she said, "that Dr. Markwell intends to go to Scotland Yard."

"Damn him, he mustn't!" Everard insisted. "Theresa, you'll have to put a stopper on that. Do you hear? Whatever you do, you mustn't let him—"

"How can I prevent him?" she asked, "even if I were willing to try?"

"You'd better—for your own sake," cried Everard. "Don't flatter yourself you wouldn't be dragged in! Markwell, confound him, would tell the whole story from the first. How you used your power of fascination to beguile him to your flat, how many times he was there alone with you! Imagine your friends, on both sides, sniggering over the details. Picture the headlines. What a scoop for Elias Feversham's rivals. Trust them to work up the story for all its worth."

"Everard," retorted Theresa, "I think you must be the most despicable mean person in all the world."

"Not a bit," he answered. "I only want to make you see you're in it too—up to the neck."

"I will never speak to you again as long as I live," she said, but as she turned to the door, he darted forward, planting himself against the panels.

"My God," he exclaimed, "you must speak to Markwell. Theresa, I swear I know no more about the old woman's death than you do. But all the same, I should find myself in an infernally awkward hole. Innocent men have been convicted before to-day. If Markwell goes to Scotland Yard, I'm done. He mustn't go. You can do what you like with him. There's not a second to be lost. You know the blighter's gone on you!"

## BRITISH FILMS FOR "QUOTA."

CHARLIE CHAPLIN GOING TO LONDON.

AMERICA'S NEW MOVE.

According to a cablegram received from Mr. A. E. Bundy, the chairman of British Instructional, who is at present in New York, it has now ceased to be "merely a rumour" that Charlie Chaplin will shortly go to England to make a British picture. Before he sailed, Mr. Bundy was already conducting negotiations to this end with Mr. Chaplin. The probability is that these are now on the verge of completion.

America is already taking energetic steps to deal with the situation created by the "quota." Mr. Bundy states that he has now agreed to terms by which British Instructional, in addition to its own enterprises, will make films at its new studios in Welwyn Garden City for a leading American company—understood to be Fox—these films being, of course, eligible for the "quota" of British films.

## National Quality.

Although the capital behind these pictures will be American, it is suggested that they will stimulate a healthy rivalry on the part of British-financed "quota" films, and at the same time increase employment, secure American technical co-operation, and open the door to the American market.

It has to be admitted, of course, that there are other points of view, and that the American capital might have its effect upon the national quality of the pictures themselves. So far, however, as British Instructional is concerned, Mr. Bruce Wolfe, the managing director, may be trusted to see to it that every film made at Welwyn is genuinely British in spirit as well as in cast and authorship.

The cable from Mr. Bundy also states that "the film industry in America is expecting the extension of protective measures in other countries," and is "inclined to meet Empire markets from England."

The "Falklands" film, which was presented for a special season at the Cameo, New York, was, adds Mr. Bundy, "highly commended by all." On the opening night "hundreds were unable to obtain admittance."

## "Huntingtower."

Messrs. Welsh Pearson state that they signed a contract with Famous-Lasky for the distribution of three British feature-films to be produced in 1928. This arrangement followed upon the recent completion of "Huntingtower," with Sir Harry Lauder as the grocer-hero. Sir Harry will play the principal part also in one of the three forthcoming films.

Among "quota" pictures already acquired by Famous-Lasky are a series of two-reel pictures based upon the "Sexton Blake" detective stories, upon which Mr. George Barnfield, of British Filmcraft Productions, is now preparing to start work. Mr. Barnfield has engaged Mr. George A. Cooper to direct this series, and Mr. Langhorne Burton will play the namepart.

The inmates, numbering 1,000, of the Holborn Institution at Shoreditch, are being kept under observation as possible smallpox contacts. It has been discovered that an Italian transferred from another institution was suffering from the disease.

## LETTER GOLF SOLUTION.

Here is the solution to the puzzle on another page.

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"I don't know anything of the kind," she murmured, flushing vividly.

"He'll do anything if only you ask him in the right way. Whatever it costs, you've got to keep him quiet. Good Lord! Imagine him in the witness-box! How would you feel while he gives his account of the little nice game you played, and who do you think will believe you had nothing to gain by it?"

"How," she demanded, "could anyone believe I wanted to gain anything?"

"Oh, well," retorted Everard, half sneering, half laughing, "my gratitude, anyhow."

(To be continued.)

(The characters in this story are entirely imaginary and no reference to living persons is intended.)

## WILL DISPUTE.

JUDGE CRITICISES INSURANCE COMPANY'S DOCUMENT.

A testamentary document stated to have been issued by an insurance company was severely criticised in the Probate Division during the hearing of an action concerning the estate of Mrs. Susanna Sprengel, widow, of Catergate, Grimsby, who died on December 25, 1926, leaving £1,100.

The plaintiffs, Mr. Percy Emil Sprengel and Mrs. Olga Clementine Lee, of Rowland-road, Barnsley, son and daughter of the testatrix, propounded a will of February 25, 1920, which was opposed by the defendant, Alwine Susanna Menny, of Deansgrove, Great Grimsby, on the ground that it was revoked by a later document.

Mr. Tyndale, for the plaintiffs, said that it was clear from the will of February, 1920, what were the intentions of the testatrix, but contained in a printed document, which was found after her death, were words which ought never to have been there.

"It is a wicked document," said counsel. "It is dated February, 1923, and although dealing only with a little burial money, it contains a clause whereby testatrix revoked all previous testamentary dispositions. Clearly testatrix never intended to revoke her will of 1920, but the revocation clause was never brought to her notice."

Replying to Mr. Justice Hill, counsel said that the document was issued by an insurance company.

Mr. Justice Hill—it is very unbusiness-like, and I hope the insurance company will not pursue the policy of supplying this form of will, which, although dealing only with insurance matters, contains words of general revocation. It is most misleading and may lead to all sorts of complications.

Defendant did not contest the action further, and after formal proof of the execution of the will of February 25, 1920, his Lordship pronounced in favour of this will.

## DR. MARIE STOPES.

LEGAL DIFFICULTY FOLLOWS LIBEL ACTION.

The libel action brought by Mr. Gwynne, Editor of the *Morning Post*, against Dr. Marie Stopes was mentioned to Mr. Justice Avory in the King's Bench Division.

Mr. Gwynne was awarded £200 damages and costs against Dr. Marie Stopes for libel contained in a letter which she wrote to the Duke of Northumberland, and complaining that an advertisement had been withdrawn from the *Morning Post*.

Mr. O'Connor, representing Mr. Gwynne, said that difficulty had arisen in regard to drawing up the form of judgment. The defendant was sued as Marie Carmichael Stopes, by which name she was generally known. She entered an appearance as Marie Charlotte Carmichael Stopes, but in an affidavit which she swore her name was given as Marie Carmichael Stopes, and when she gave evidence she said her name was Marie Carmichael Stopes, and that she was the wife of Mr. H. V. Roe.

Consequently, he now asked his Lordship to allow that the writ and subsequent proceedings might be amended by substituting such formula as he and counsel for the defendant might agree upon.

Mr. Melville, K.C., for Dr. Stopes, said there was now no difference between them if the amendment might stand that Dr. Stopes was sued as Marie Carmichael Stopes, wife of Mr. H. V. Roe. It was in that form she brought proceedings, and judgment in those proceedings was entered against her on a former occasion. He understood there would be no trouble in the Writ Office if that course were taken.

Mr. Justice Avory—Very well. His Lordship ordered that each side should pay its own costs in the application.

## BENSON NOVEL STAGED.

Eastbourne, Feb. 14. "The Luck of the Vails," the dramatised version of Mr. E. F. Benson's novel, was produced last night at the Devonshire Park Theatre, Eastbourne, and had a good reception.

This is the first of the noted author's works to be presented on any stage. It is here being produced by Mr. Archibald de Bear, and is having a trial run before presentation in London.

In the cast are Donald Calthrop, Mr. Felix Aylmer, Mr. Bruce Belfrage, Mr. Patrick Waddington, Miss Betty Schuster, and Mr. George Hewetson and Lady Tree.

Donald Calthrop, as the old madman, has a difficult part, but he plays it extremely well. An interesting feature was that the special scene decorations were by the Hon. Ian Campbell-Gray, son of Baroness Gray.



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## JURIES REFUSE DUTY.

MUTE OF MALICE IN THE DUBLIN COURT.

Two juries figured in remarkable incidents at the Central Criminal Court, Dublin, recently.

When two young men, Sean Russell and Michael Price, were charged with having assisted in the formation of a military force, contrary to the law, and with being members of that illegal organisation, they refused to answer when asked to plead.

A jury was then sworn in to decide whether they were "mute of malice or by visitation of God."

Superintendent Ennis stated he was aware that the men could speak, and after a long retirement the jury returned with the intimation that they could not agree, and that there was no possibility of agreement.

## Try Again.

Mr. Justice O'Byrne: What is your difficulty?

The jury remained silent, and were directed by the judge to again retire. Again they reappeared, and again the foreman said, "There is no possible chance of agreement."

Mr. Justice O'Byrne looked at his watch and said, "It is a very long day, gentlemen, and I will ask you to retire again."

When they had disappeared, a young man named James Donnelly was indicted; he, too, made no reply when asked to plead, and a jury was sworn to decide the same point as in the previous case. They, also, returned, saying they could not agree.

Donnelly: To save further trouble, I will plead guilty.

A juror rose, apparently to explain.

## Oath Disregarded.

Mr. Justice O'Byrne (sternly): Will you sit down, sir? I will discharge you, and in doing so I may say that in adopting the attitude which you have taken you have acted, and must have acted, in disregard of the oath you have taken, in disregard of the law under which you live."

Subsequently the jury in the Russell and Price case was requested to return to court. They said they were still unable to agree.

Mr. Justice O'Byrne: Having regard to what you tell me, I can only come to the conclusion that some of your body are acting perversely, and in disregard of the oath and law. I now discharge you."

## ROBOTS IN THE OFFICE.

TYPEWRITING IN SECRET CODE.

MODERN MARVELS.

If a business man attended the Business Efficiency Exhibition, which opened at the Holland Park Hall on February 16th, and decided to instal at his office all the labour-saving machines to be found there, it is doubtful whether he would require any staff at all. There would certainly be an army of typists and clerks out of work.

Many of the machines are so intelligent that it is possible that the office manager himself might go to the South of France while these mechanical Robots took over his work.

While the manager was hawking in the sun a machine in his office in London would be opening the day's mail at the rate of 30,000 envelopes per hour.

Meanwhile, if there was any staff left, a time lock would be showing the times when the office door was locked and unlocked.

Another machine writes, adds, cross-adds and subtracts, and when the 30,000 letters, after these little flights in mathematics, were answered, an addressing machine would put itself into action. It prints the letters, fills in the name and address, signs the letter and addresses the envelope.

"Exit the Postage Stamp."

"But who would go and buy the stamps and lick them on?" you might ask.

That is easy. "Exit the Postage Stamp," says the Neopost. This device claims to frank 3,000 letters an hour when operated by hand, and 7,000 per hour when operated by electricity. This is not quite such a good average as the letter opener with its 30,000 per hour, but in defence of the Neopost it must be added that while working it keeps a constant record of the number of letters and the cost of postage.

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One of the greatest triumphs for the British manufacturer is a new calculating machine that will add, subtract, and change pounds sterling into dollars, francs and lire all at the same time, and perform algebraic calculations with a turn of a handle.

The Minister of Agriculture announces that he proposes to issue draft regulations for the purposes of the Fertilisers and Feeding Stuffs Act, 1926, dealing with methods of sampling and analysis, the manner of marking parcels, limits of variations, and several other matters. The intention is to bring the Act into operation on July 1.

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It should be mentioned that the cheque signer signs six cheques at a time at the rate of 150 per minute. What glorious over-drafts for the banks!

As for telephone subscribers whose daily grievances in the London area alone would fill a book, there is a new hope. The Post Office authorities have installed an automatic exchange to show how "the up-to-date telephone is worked." This can apparently not be done so successfully on the telephones supplied to the rank and file of the public.

## Secret Code Machines.

Anybody who wishes to carry on his correspondence in inviolable secrecy can buy one of the most ingenious machines ever invented. It has a typewriter at each end with most complicated machinery in the centre. You typewrite the message at one end; it then passes through something over a million combinations, and appears typewritten at the other end as a maze of letters. No one letter ever appears twice the same in the code, so that it is impossible to obtain a key.

When the meaningless array of letters reaches the proper recipient, however, who is of course armed with a similar machine, he types the received message, and it is decoded without the slightest hesitation or error.

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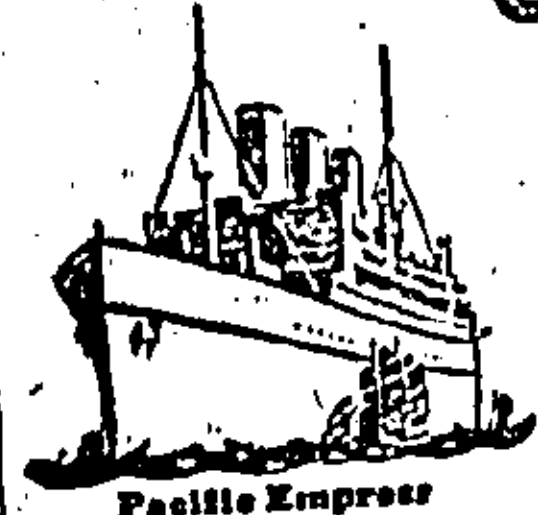
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## THE VOLUNTEERS.

### ORDERS FOR THE COMING WEEK.

No. 321. Hongkong Volunteer  
Defence Corps Orders by Lieut.  
Colonel L. G. Bird, D.S.O.  
Commandant.

Hongkong, Friday, March 16.

1. Equipment.

Os. C. Units will collect all leather  
pouches and return them to Stores  
at Volunteer Headquarters, as soon  
as possible.

2. Corps Rifle Meeting.

The dates and order of events will  
be as follows:  
Sunday, 8th April, 1928.  
Blake Shield, Francis Cup, Jar Com-  
petition, Rifle Competition and At-  
tack Competition.

Monday, 9th April, 1928.

Corps Championship and Tyro Com-  
petition, Musketry Competition, Re-  
serves Cup, and Lewis Gun Competition.  
Revolver Competition both  
days.

Entrance fees. All individual  
events \$1.00 per man per competi-  
tion, other events 50 cents per man,  
with exception of Revolver competi-  
tion (unlimited entries) for which the  
fee is 20 cents per entry, made on  
the range.

Intending Competitors must send in  
their names, accompanied by entrance  
fees, not later than Monday, 2nd April,  
1928, to the Hon. Secretary, Rifle  
Meeting, Volunteer Headquarters.

3. The Battery.

The Battery will parade for in-  
struction at 5.25 p.m. on Thursday  
22nd instant. It is expected of all  
members that they will make a spe-  
cial effort to attend the remaining  
drills of this season.

4. Field Section.

Parade at Corps Headquarters at  
5.30 p.m. on Wednesday, 21st March  
for General Instruction. Dress: Mutil.

5. Signals.

Parade at Corps Headquarters at  
5.30 p.m. on Thursday, 22nd March  
for Signal Instruction. Dress: Mutil.

6. Armoured Car Company.

Machine Gunners will parade at  
Corps Headquarters, at 5.30 p.m. on  
Monday, 19th March for Machine Gun  
Instruction. Dress: Mutil.

Car Section. Parade at Corps  
Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Monday  
19th March for formation run and  
Machine Gun Firing.

Motor Cycle Section. Monday, 19th  
March. Parade at Corps Headquar-  
ters at 5.30 p.m. for instruction.

Thursday, 22nd March. Special  
Class will parade at Corps Headquar-  
ters at 5.30 p.m. for instruction under  
Lieut. J. E. Hancock.

7. Infantry Company.

No. 1 Platoon. Parade at Corps  
Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Tuesday,  
20th and Friday, 23rd March for  
Machine Gun Instruction. Dress: Mutil.

No. 2 Platoon. Parade at Corps  
Headquarters on Tuesday, 20th March  
for Machine Gun Instruction. Dress:  
Mutil.

8. Scottish Company.

Sunday, 18th March, 1928. Trin-  
gular shoot between 2nd Battalion, Scot-  
tish Guards, 2nd Bn. K. O. S. Borderers,  
and Scottish Company, H.K.V.D.C.  
kindly arranged by Mr. R. M. Dyer  
will take place at Stonecutters.

Scottish Company Team will be—  
Sergeant, Cutbill, Sergeant, Young, L/Sergeant,  
Goodman, Corporal, D. Lyon, Privates  
Stoppani-Thomson, McLennan, Maxwell  
and Boulton.

Reserve—Piper G. Nisbet.

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9 a.m. calling at Kowloon Pier at 9.10  
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above (with belt frog and bayonet  
only) or multi optional.  
Arms will be drawn from Corps  
Headquarters on Friday, 16th March,  
between 9 a.m. and 12 noon, or 2 and  
4 p.m., or 5 and 6 p.m. and on Satur-  
day, 17th March, between 9 a.m. and  
1 p.m. 9. Portuguese Company.

There will be no parade on Friday,  
16th March. Next Company parade  
on Friday, 23rd March at 6.30 p.m.  
at Corps Headquarters for practices  
at Kennedy Road Range and Minis-  
ture Range. Dress: Drill order,  
Rifle and bayonet.

Sunday, 18th March. N.C.O.'s and  
Nos. 1 and 2 of Lewis Gun Sections  
parade at Corps Headquarters at 8.30  
a.m. to draw Lewis Gun and ammuni-  
tion for practices at Kennedy Road  
Range.

Riflemen detailed by C.S.M. to  
parade Kennedy Road Range at 10.30  
a.m. for rapid fire practice.

Tuesday, 20th March. N.C.O.'s and  
Nos. 1 and 2 of Lewis Gun Sections  
parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30  
p.m. for Lewis Gun instruction.

10. Reserve Company.

Musketry Part I. Table T. will be  
fired at Stonecutters Range on Sun-  
day, 25th March, 1928.

11. Strength.

The following recruit is taken on  
the strength on 6.3.28, and posted  
to No. 10 Platoon. No. 1307 Pte. G.  
O. Danenberg.

12. Transfers.

No. 235 S.Q.M.S. D. Davies is trans-  
ferred from the Reserve Company to  
the Medical Section, as from 9.3.28.

No. 1141 Pte. A. W. Hay-Edie is  
transferred from M. I. Company to the  
Light Section, as from 10.3.28.

No. 717 Pte. H. E. Strange is trans-  
ferred from the Reserve Company to  
the Medical Section, as from 13.3.28.

13. Promotion.

No. 295 S.Q.M.S. D. Davies, Medical  
Section, is promoted to Company Ser-  
geant-Major, as from 9.3.28.

14. Leave.

The following are granted leave of  
absence from the Corps:

Captain T. Addis Martin, from  
10.3.28, to 8.4.28.

No. 699 Spr. C. Strange, Field Sec.  
from 14.4.28, to 13.2.29.

No. 1057 L/Cpl. T. W. Southam, A.  
C. Co. 6 months' extension of leave,  
from 1.4.28, to 30.9.28.

No. 732 Sergt. W. E. Price, The Bat-  
tery, from 15.3.28, to 14.4.28.

No. 1174 Gr. G. Fairman, The Bat-  
tery, from 23.3.28, to 28.12.28.

No. 1024 Pte. B. S. Stephenson, M.  
I. Co., from 1.4.28, to 31.3.29.

No. 850 Pte. J. L. Adams, Reserve  
Co., from 9.3.28, till return to Colony.

No. 1293 Pte. Lee Yuk-him, Medical  
Sec., from 13.3.28, to 2.4.28.

No. 427 L/Sgt. G. Puncheon, The  
Battery, from 24.3.28, to 23.12.28.

With reference to Corps Order No.  
320 para. 11, dated 9.3.28, the re-  
signation of No. 424 Pte. D. McCullum,  
A. C. Coy. is cancelled and granted  
him 6 months' leave, from 10.3.28, to  
30.9.28.

15. Resignations.

Having left the Colony.  
No. 1114 Pte. P. J. Easterbrook,  
Reserve Co., as from 6.3.28.

No. 290 Pte. W. Hyde, No. 6  
Platoon, as from 16.3.28.

No. 768 L/Cpl. G. B. Slipper, Sig-  
nals, as from 6.3.28.

No. 1110 Pte. A. A. Barros, No. 10  
Platoon, as from 10.3.28.

No. 1265 Gr. J. Marshall, The  
Battery, as from 12.3.28.

No. 318 Pte. J. K. Milward, Reserve  
Co., as from 14.4.28.

Having completed three years' ser-  
vice and claimed their charges:  
No. 716 Corp. W. Elliott, Reserve  
Co., as from 1.3.28.

No. 610 Pte. N. Evans, Reserve Co.,  
as from 1.3.28.

## BABY WEEK.

### SHIELD COMPETITION ANNOUNCEMENT.

The National Baby Week Council,  
London, announces the competition  
throughout the Empire for the Im-  
perial Challenge Shield for the pre-  
sent year. The interesting competi-  
tion which started in 1925 as one of  
the activities of the Wembley  
Exhibition, has been continued  
under the provisions of the Public  
Health Act which authorises any  
local authority or County Council,  
with the exception of Scotland,  
Northern Ireland and the County  
of London, to arrange for lectures,  
competitions, etc., for the improve-  
ment of health conditions.

One of the forms of activity has  
since that time been the Baby  
Week competition, the object of  
which are to arouse the public to a  
sense of the importance of safe-  
guarding infant life and to promote  
right ideas and ideals regarding  
paternity, maternity and child  
welfare.

National Baby Week is fixed as  
from July 1 to 7. The Council, in  
announcing this year's competition  
for the shield, which last year was  
won by the committee of Bellary  
Municipality, Madras Presidency,  
India, makes a number of sugges-  
tions as to organization of local  
committees, public meetings, lantern  
lectures and films and "at homes."

The Council also offers prizes for  
various competitions for school girls,  
school boys and for teachers. These  
competitions will be announced  
during National Baby Week and the  
results announced during Health  
Week in October.

The organization of baby shows  
is strongly recommended as one of  
the means of creating interest in  
the competition and of encouraging  
greater care among parents for the  
health of their offspring.

All necessary information regard-  
ing the competitions may be had by  
application to the Secretary,  
National Baby Week Council, 117  
Piccadilly, London, W.1.

The Council further announces  
that information may be had from  
the Chief Medical Officer of each  
British Colony and Possession.

## PROPERTY SALE.

### MA TAU KOK LOT SOLD YESTERDAY.

There was a poor attendance at  
the China Auction Rooms yester-  
day, when Mr. E. V. M. R. de Sousa  
disposed of property situated at  
Ma Tau Kok, only one bid over  
the opening price being made.  
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minimum and the lot was knocked  
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as from 1.3.28.  
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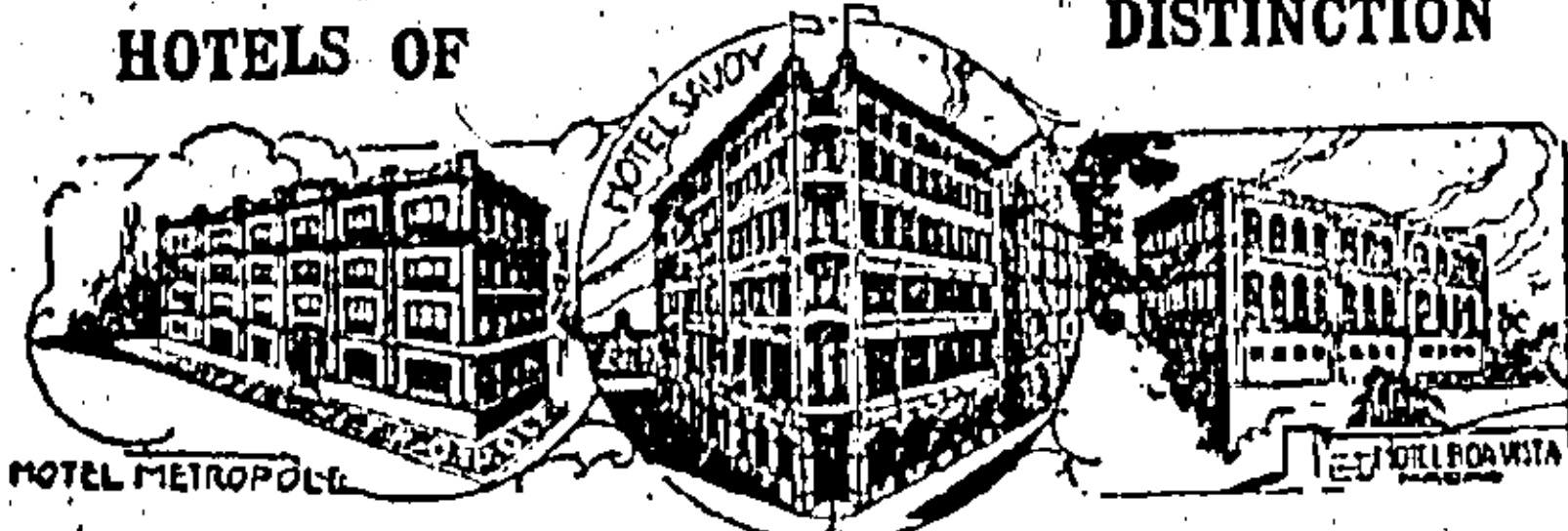
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NEW CAPITAL FOR  
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constituents can have no cause for  
complaint.

## Extension Programme.

In 1924 my predecessor made reference in his speech to a proposed extension of the North Point generating plant to 28,000 K.W. Steps were taken to put this work in hand during 1925, but owing to industrial troubles that year the expected growth in the demand for electricity failed to mature and we deferred action until the end of 1926. This postponement of part of the scheme for expansion has enabled us to spread the expenditure over a longer period and at the moment we hope to be able to carry out our programme without calling upon shareholders for new capital in the immediate future.

The expenditure on Capital Account amounted to \$1,116,464 which covers part of the cost of a new generating station building and machinery at North Point, the building and equipment of substations at Wong Nei Chung and Causeway Bay and the laying of 18 miles of high tension and low tension cables in various parts of the island. The purchase of new machinery accounts for the increase under the heading of Bills Payable.

## Branch Offices.

A new item appears in the accounts this year under the heading of Branch Office equipment. We have opened branch offices for the collection of accounts, etc., in Shaukiwan and Wan-chai. We believe this is a convenience to our constituents and propose to extend the arrangement to other parts of the town as occasion arises. Our generating machinery and distributing plant has been maintained in good order during the year and we have been free from any industrial troubles.

I take this opportunity of placing on record the Directors' appreciation of the services rendered by the staff and workmen during the year. Nothing further, I think, calls for comment and I now beg to propose that the report and statement of accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1927, be adopted. When this has been seconded I shall be pleased to answer to the best of my ability any questions you may desire to ask.

## Seconders' Speech.

Mr. G. C. Moxon, in seconding the proposal, said:—Mr. Chairman and gentlemen,—I think every shareholder has reason to be satisfied with the report and accounts for 1927 and also with the proposed appropriation of the profits. One of the changes in Hongkong most noticeable to me is the increased use of electricity for lighting. As far as our Company is concerned, the output of electricity in 1927 was more than 2½ times greater than in 1920. The Company has since 1920 scrapped the whole of its old and obsolete plant and has installed a new and up-to-date system at a cost of over \$8½ millions. With a subscribed capital of \$3,000,000, this has only been possible because we have carried out the greater part of these works by investing our reserves in the business. The proposed issue of bonus shares will give shareholders a reasonable return upon the undivided profits of latter years and is an arrangement which they will, I am convinced, consider eminently satisfactory.

## Extraordinary Result.

We are interested in your remarks on the reduction of charges since 1914. My own experience enables me to confirm the statement that the price of electricity in Hongkong compares favourably with that in England. This result is all the more extraordinary when one considers the enormous cost of land in Hongkong and the generally higher cost of all those supplies required by an undertaking of this nature.

We are pleased to note that the extension of the North Point plant is now proceeding. The fact that the postponement of this work in 1925 has enabled you to forecast the possibility of carrying out this scheme without asking shareholders for more capital is of interest; as it must be one of the few instances in which the industrial troubles of 1925 have been of advantage to any section of the community. In conclusion, I desire to congratulate the Directors, the Company's Agents and the staff on the very satisfactory figures placed before us, and I have much pleasure in seconding the adoption of the report and statement of accounts.

## Business Matters.

On the proposition of Mr. J. H. Taggart, seconded by Mr. L. C. F. Bellamy the appointments to the Board of Mr. C. G. S. Mackie, the Hon. Sir Shouson Chow, and Mr. T. E. Pearce were confirmed; and Sir Robert Ho Tung and Mr. T. G. Weall were re-elected to the Board.

COMMON LOYALTY  
IN EMPIRE.GEN. SMUTS' MILD REBUKE TO  
SOUTH AFRICA.

## RIGHT OF NEUTRALITY.

Cape Town, Mar. 15.

"We are not free individual States but free members of an associated Empire," said General Smuts in the South African Assembly to-day when the debate was resumed on the motion to ratify the report of the Imperial Conference.

General Smuts spoke at considerable length in developing views opposing Mr. Hertzog's opinion regarding the Dominions' right of neutrality.

He intimated that the Opposition would vote in favour of the report, and said the Empire meant security for all the Members, but if all asserted their right to neutrality what would remain of security?

They would all have to build armies and navies in the nature of protection against possible future troubles. They were not free individual States. If it was a matter of major concern for the Empire, he hoped and anticipated that the Dominions would always do what they did in 1914.

It would be practically impossible for any Dominion to declare its neutrality in a war in which Britain was involved and vice versa an Empire not built on neutrality would not endure thereon, but on the common loyalty of the members.

General Smuts urged that the question should be left for the consideration and judgment of the Imperial Conference.—*Reuter.*

LI CHAI-SUM GOES  
NORTH.

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Man-yan and a few subordinate officials, together with General Chan Ming-shui who joined the party later.

In a brief chat with General Hau King-tong on the wharf the Telegraph representative was informed that Marshal Li's trip to Nanking will be a short one, probably lasting about a fortnight, and that conferences will be held with Marshal Chiang Kai-shek and Commissioners of the Nationalist Political Council on military and other matters.

Mr. Leung Yan-po proposed that Messrs. Linstead and Davis be re-elected as auditors at a remuneration of \$1,500. This, on being seconded by Mr. C. G. Alabaster, was carried.

The Chairman stated that that closed the business of the meeting. Those present at the meeting were Mr. C. G. S. Mackie (Chairman of Directors) supported by the Hon. Mr. D. G. M. Bernard, Sir Robert Ho Tung, Mr. T. G. Weall, the Hon. Sir Shouson Chow and Mr. T. E. Pearce, (Directors) and Mr. F. R. Marsh M.I.E.E. (Manager). Shareholders present were Messrs. G. C. Moxon, C. G. Alabaster, K.C., O.B.E., O. F. Ribeiro, V. Sorby, Ip Fook, To Tso-hing, H. Ruttonjee, L. C. F. Bellamy, Dr. C. M. Heanley, F. L. Brown, Chua Seng-choo, J. T. Bagram, E. M. Raymond, Chan Pak-yick, Leung Yan-po, L. J. Davies, D. J. Lewis, W. H. H. Murdock, J. H. Taggart, E. Ezra, R. Pestonji, G. H. Potts, L. E. Ozorio, O. Baptista, Wong Hing-kwong, W. J. Stokes, A. Kitchell, B. L. Selton-Winton (Attorney for A. David & A. J. David), and Li Kin-pai.

## INCREASE OF CAPITAL.

Approved by Extraordinary Meeting.

An extraordinary meeting followed, Mr. Mackie again presiding. The Chairman said:—Gentlemen,—This meeting has been called for the purpose of obtaining your sanction to the increase in the capital of the Company which is necessary before we can issue the bonus shares of which I have just spoken. He then proposed that the following resolution be passed:—"That the capital of the Company be increased from its present capital of \$3,000,000 (Hongkong Currency) divided into 300,000 shares of \$10 each, to \$6,000,000 (Hongkong Currency) divided into 600,000 shares of \$10 each and that such additional shares shall rank in all respects *pari passu* with the original capital of the Company."

This was seconded by the Hon. Mr. D. G. M. Bernard and was carried.

The Chairman announced that a further extraordinary general meeting would be held in the same place at 12.30 p.m., on Monday, April 2nd, for the purpose of confirming the resolution.

ELOQUENT NAVAL  
FIGURES.

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So, he said, when one looked at the contributions of the United States of 500,000 tons and our own of 2,000,000 tons one could not say we had not done our part.

"I do not think," said Mr. Bridgeman, "it is quite sufficiently understood how large a part we have played in this matter. We are the only nation that is dependent for our very existence on the free passage of the seas and for that reason our contribution, I think, is all the more remarkable."

## Less Than U.S. or Japan.

Our present naval expenditure was seven per cent. of the total budget of the country instead of the pre-war figure of 27.5 per cent. and as against 8.5 per cent. in the United States at the present time and 14.9 per cent. in Japan.—*British Wireless.*

## Geneva Disclosures.

Mr. Bridgeman condemned as erroneous the oft-repeated idea that whereas at the Geneva Conference, the United States suggested a total of 400,000 tons, Britain insisted on 600,000; and explained that the United States demanded twenty-five 10,000 tons cruisers.

Britain retorted that if all cruisers were to be 10,000 tons ships Britain would require 600,000 as her total tonnage because she required numbers and not size.

Mr. Bridgeman pointed out that we dropped three cruisers in the first place for the benefit of the exchequer, but also to show that whatever happened at Geneva or elsewhere, it was not going to drive us to a great naval building competition with America or any one else.

Referring to the American naval programme, he said eight large cruisers had already been authorised and if the further fifteen were completed they would have twenty-three which would be only two less than the number they demanded at Geneva.—*Reuter.*

LORD TERRINGTON'S  
CAR.SIR H. RECKITT'S ALLEGATION  
OF £200,000 FRAUDS.

It was stated in the Court of Appeal during the hearing of an appeal concerning a cheque drawn by Lord Terrington, and was signed "Sir Harold James Reckitt, Bart., Terrington, agent."

Before Lords Justices Scrutton and Sankey and Mr. Justice Russell, Messrs. Barnett, Pembroke and Slater, Limited, of Alexandra Garage, Old Barrack Yard, Knightsbridge, appeared from a judgment of Mr. Justice Rowlatt, holding that they were liable to Sir Harold Reckitt, of Rutland Court, Knightsbridge, for £200.

Mr. Jowitt, K.C., for the appellants, said the question to be decided was: Which of two innocent persons should suffer for the fraudulent act of a third. Sir Harold Reckitt some years ago appointed Lord Terrington to act for him. Lord Terrington was given very wide powers, which were subsequently extended, so that he could draw cheques on Sir Harold's account without restriction.

Mr. Justice Rowlatt, said counsel, held that as Lord Terrington signed the cheque as agent the appellants were put on notice and must suffer. The case was important because Sir Harold Reckitt had been similarly defrauded of £200,000.

Mr. Schiller, K.C., for Sir Harold, said—More than that.

Mr. Jowitt said the decision would probably govern other cases.

The hearing was adjourned.

Lord Terrington is at present the subject of extradition proceedings in France, but is too ill to be moved to England.

## HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW?

The following are the replies to to-day's questions:—  
1. Captain Paul Boyton, on March 21, 1872.  
2. In 1695, during the reign of William III.  
3. King Paul II. of Tarsus, an island of the Serdian coast.  
4. The St. Edmund manuscript dealing with events under Henry II. & "Robinson Crusoe". The date is that on which its original, Alexander Bellini, was found on the island of Juan Fernandez.  
5. The site of his palace and treasure house at Winchester.  
6. The African Gosh.  
7. Those of Queen Catherine and Jane Seymour.  
8. The site of his palace and treasure house at Winchester.  
9. Not French but Polish, and that his real name was—Olanys.  
10. The Vienna "Reichsdruckerei" copies of which have just been found hidden in the Austrian State Library.  
11. Beryllium, which is a thing lighter than aluminium, but much harder and uncorrodible.

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